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Cloudy and colder Sunday.

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MEXICAN REBELS AGAIN ATTACK PORT TAMPICO FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

Large Forces of Constitutionalists Moving Up From the South and Those in the North Occupy Positions Within Twenty Miles of the City---Attack Began at Dark---Financial Matters in Mexico City Have Not Been Bettered.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—Rebels this afternoon attacked Tampico, the center of the oil district, according to official advices received in Mexico City this evening.

National impoverisment and an increasing organization among scores of rebel bands have reduced the provisional government to what appears to be a desperate situation, but conservative residents of the capital profess to see in the recent military operations and in the continuation of Provisional President Huerta to secure money, even though in dribblets, evidence that the government may not fall for many months unless there is an unexpected turn for the worse.

This was pay day for government employes, and in almost all departments there was little delay in meeting the payrolls. That the government may not be able to float another loan is conceded by Mexicans generally, but none has lost sight of the fact that the country is rich, and that Gen. Huerta, as a last resort would not hesitate to take money where he can find it.

Already a drastic measure has been discussed by the cabinet—that of the confiscation of the property of all individuals who are known to have arrayed themselves against the Hutrta government. The measure has not yet received the full approval of the ministers. If adopted it will prove a rich resource. Collections that fall little short of being forced loans have been made in cities outside the capital and Provisional President Huerta's new order for the establishment of a militia at the expense of the business men's money in various States, is in line with his policy to draw directly from the country the revenue necessary for carrying on the war.

The failure of Gen. Pancho Villa to march south from Chihuahua, the failure of the rebels to take Tampico, the re-occupation of Torreon by government soldiers, and the presence at Monterey of 5,000 Federal troops are construed as indications that the swinging advance of the rebels has been stayed.

Tampico Easy Prey.

Rebel sympathizers here insist that Tampico will be easy prey for the rebels on the next attack, but that after capturing the port they may be expected either to advance to the center of the country and attack San Luis Potosi, or return northward and fight for the possession of Monterey.

At the war office here, it is not conceded that the rebels would be able to take Tampico, defended as it is by 2,000 or more Federals in addition to the guns of the Mexican warships Bravo and Vera Cruz. On the other hand the rebels, it is known, can bring to the attack at least 3,000 men and a few pieces of artillery.

Gen. Zapata's threats to enter the city of Mexico, while creating slight anxiety, are not taken seriously by most people, who believe he will obey Gen. Carranza and wait until his forces are joined by men from the north.

Reports that President Huerta has almost no ammunition left in the city are officially denied and the denial is generally credited.

The banking situation continued bad today, State bills still being rejected except in limited amounts at the Central Bank. The run on the Bank of London and Mexico, thought slightly diminished, continued through out the day.

The committee of bankers, which has been attempting to solve the financial situation, has not yet succeeded in going beyond the point of making suggestions. It is believed Gen. Huerta, in the end will issue a decree forcing the acceptance of the State bank notes, thus enlarging the volume of medium of exchange in the business world.

The National Bank of Mexico today announced that on account of the "existing conditions and as a measure of prudence" it would not pay the semi-annual dividend due this month.

More Revolting Soldiers.

The list of Federal troops that have revolted was augmented today by a detachment formerly under the command of Gen. Gaudtncia deLaLave in the State of Puebla. The mutineers are said to number 500 men. They took with them two cannon and a few machine guns.

The activity of adherents of the rebel leader Zapata in the States of Mexico and Tlaxacala, was manifested today by the destruction of three sugar cane plantations.

A heeavy consignment of oil from Tampico district has reached San Luis Potosi.

Washington's Viewpoint.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Possession by the Federals at Tampico of two gunboats has forced the Constitutionalists who have been attempting to seize that port for the last two weeks to abandon the undertaking notwithstanding they far outnumbered the enemy.

The rebels had no artillery capable of coping with the guns on the Federal warships and found it impossible to keep open lines of communication between the head of the attacking columns and their base of supplies, owing to the raking fire of the vessels.

Today a report came from Tampico that the rebels had become thoroughly discouraged and abandoned the siege permanently, falling back to the town of Aldama about 50 miles northwest of the port.

The disposition of the fugitive soldiers who cross the boundary into the United States has again become a disturbing question, owing to the protest of the Huerta contingent against what they regard as a discrimination against their soldiers and favoritism shown toward the rebels.

Denial of Gen. Villa's assertions that Spanish subjects in Mexico have aided the Huerta cause, was made to the State Department today by Senor Riano, the Spanish ambassador.

The department issued this summary of late reports from Chihuahua:

"The confiscation of Spanish properties in Chihuahua is confirmed by State Department advices. Gen. Villa is said to claim that the expulsion of the Spaniards saved their lives as they were in danger of massacre by the populace. Participation in political affairs is also charged but those persons who could prove themselves guiltless of participation will be permitted to return and will be given indemnity for their losses."

Refuse to Talk Politics.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 20.—Direct from Mazatlan, where it has been on patrol duty for nearly four months, the armored cruiser California arrived here today. H. G. Brown, American vice consul, returned aboard the California, but declined to discuss Mexican politics.

Officers of the ship said conditions at Mazatlan were comparatively quiet when they left.

Villa Issues Note.

Chihuahua, Dec. 20.—Gen. Francisco Villa today made public a note which he delivered to United States Consul Marion Letcher in reference to the reported detention in Chihuahua of the rebels of the Mexican women and children. The note was in reply to an inquiry sent by the State Department at Washington.

Although he had detained no women and children, Gen. Villa said there still remained in Chihuahua the wives and children of Mexicans who had been detained on suspicion of having aided the Huerta forces. Gen. Villa's note said:

"My Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your attentive note of this date, which I hasten to answer, manifesting to you that I have taken careful note of the fact that on the 15th day of this month, the Department of State of your government, addressed a message to you relative to having received information that women and children of this community, relatives of refugees of Chihuahua are detained here, I having refused to give them salva conductos.

"As this, in essence, is not wholly the truth of what has taken place, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that all those who had intended to leave, have not done so, not because I have detained them, but because they would not leave unless accompanied by certain individuals who must remain to explain some acts for which they are responsible. Up to the present time, no orders have been given which prevent any families who wish to leave from so doing. On the contrary, I have even offered to give them a special train, which would convey them to the frontier, which I am still disposed to do.

"I wish also to state, and I hope that with your accustomed impartiality in these matters, you will make it known to your honorable Secretary of State; that our conduct cannot be compared to that of the Huertaistas for it is well known that the families of our followers are transported by the Huertaistas from one place to another in trains carrying soldiers and munitions of war, thus hoping to avoid attacks by our forces. Our families also are sent to the Maria Islands, which has been the abode of petty thieves and low born criminals.

"I take pleasure in treating in detail with matters which bring to light the difference of procedure between the government of usurper Huerta and that which we are trying to implant for the welfare of our country—a legal and noble one."

To Cut Off Villa.

Juarez, Dec. 20.—Advices were received today that the Federal army at Ojinaga soon will march west to cut off Gen. Francisco Villa's rebel army at Chihuahua. At some point south of Juarez it was said the Federal commanders plan to destroy the telegraph and railroad lines and thus leave Villa shut in a pocket.

Villa has about 5,000 men at Chihuahua. He has tried to maintain a guard along 225 miles of railroad which connect him with the 2,000 soldiers whom he left to garrison his base at Juarez. The information that the Federals would attempt to destroy the line of communication was in accord with the belief that the evacuation of Chihuahua by the Federals three weeks ago was to lure Villa to a point where he might be surrounded.

The Federal column is to be commanded by Gen. Ynez Salazar, supported by Gen. Pascual Orozco. The preparations for the departure from Ojinaga were completed by the taking across the border of sufficient provisions for an extended march. It was given out at Ojinaga that the Federals after destroying the line to Juarez and Chihuahua would attack the latter city from the north, while Federals from Torreon would attack it from the south.

Gen. Villa and his advisors adhere to the belief that the Federals stay on the border has not been long enough to enable them to recuperate from their series of retreats and that the soldiers are without pay and unwilling to fight.

Mormon church officials were alarmed over reports that Gen. Salazar intended to extend his march into the Casas Grandes district and among the Mormon colonies with a view of destroying all houses, stores and farm machinery, impressing noncombatants into the Federal army and leaving that section barren of cattle, grain and food that might be used oy the rebels. The Mormons asked for protection.

Confers With Hale.

Washington, Dec. 20.—William Bayard Hale and President Wilson had an hour's talk on Mexican affairs tonight—the first since the former returned from his conferences with Gen Carranza, the Constitutionalist chief, at Nogales, Mexico.

While M. Hale has been keeping in close touch with the President by letters on the situation, he did not have an opportunity before, on account of the President's illness, to discuss the Mexican question in person. Mr. Hale said afterwards that he was not at liberty to discuss the conference.

It is understood, however, that the administration has not yet decided upon any new move, though the President still is watching the situation closely.

Bonehead Alose.

Appearing at the Capitol tonight with schemes which he claimed would solve the Mexican situation, a man giving the name of Thomas Welsh, of Paterson, N. J., was arrested and held pending an investigation as to his sanity.

One of Welch's plans was to send an American battleship to Mexico disguised as if coming from Spain, entice aboard the leaders of both sides. Another proposal was that the government send to Mexico a number of Spanish speaking American soldiers who would take false guns and paper ammunition and exchange it for their real armaments.

BOYS THROW MATCHES INTO DRY FODDER.

East Lumberton Minister Loses Horse, Auto, Barn, Etc.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 20.—Rev. W. R. Davis ,pastor of the East Lumberton Baptist church, lost his barn, stables, automobile, horse, buggy, wagon, harness and Winter's supply of food by fire today about 11 o'clock.

The fire was caused by two little boys striking matches and throwing them into the dry fodder.

When Mr. Davis was called he made all possible efforts to get his horse from the burning building, but the heat was so intense he had to give it up. There was no insurance. The building was all new, Mr. Davis and family having moved in yesterday.

MISSISSIPPI BRIBE CASE

State Senator and Lieutenant Governor Charged With Selling Vote and Influence.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 20.—Details of alleged negotiations with Stephen Castleman which led to State Senator G. A. Hobbs' indictment for soliciting and accepting a bribe, were told by Castleman on the witness stand at Hobbs' trial today. He was the first witness introduced by the State.

Castleman said Hobbs approached him with a proposition to use his vote and influence to pass a new county ibll through the next legislature; that he continued the negotiations at the suggestion of Governor Brewer in the hope of trapping Hobbs and Lieut. Gov. Bilbo who is jointly indicted with Hobbs and that he finally turned over to Hobbs about $200 as part payment of $2,000 he said was demanded by the defendant.

Castleman said that after he had told Governor Brewer of these negotiations it was arranged that telephonic devices be operated near the different meeting places and named persons whom he said were taking the notes recorded by the machine.

Not until he was under cross examination did Castleman refer to Mrs. M. L. Turnage, postmistress of the lower branch of the last legislature. He then denied he had offered money to aid in having the new county bill passed as charged by attorneys in their opening statements yesterday.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Seventh Government Report for Season Issued Yesterday by the Census Bureau.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The seventh cotton ginning report of the census bureau for the season, issued at 10 o'clock this morning, announced that 12,923,606 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1913 had been ginned prior to December 13th to which date during the past seven years the ginning averaged 89.5 per cent. of the entire crop. Last year to December 13th there had been ginned 12,439,036 bales, or 92.2 per cent. of the entire crop; in 1911 to that date, 13,770(727 bales or 88.5 per cent.; in 1908 to that date, 11,904,269 bales, or 91.0 per cent., and in 1906 to that date, 11,112,789 bales, or 85.6 per cent.

Included in the ginnings were 91,683 round bales, compared with 75,772 round bales last year, 92,790 in 1911, 106,486 in 1910, and 140,024 in 1909.

The number of Sea Island cotton bales included were 69,319, compared with 60,445 bales last year, 98,035 bales in 1911, 85,177 bales in 1909, and 80,316 bales in 1908.

Ginnings prior to December 13th by States, with comparisons for last year and other years and the percentage of the entire crop ginned prior to that

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DISSOLUTION OF TRUST A SURPRISE

Puts Quietus to Government Ownership Talk

BURLESON'S REPORT READY

According to Terms of Agreement Independent Companies Will Have Use of Bell Long Distance Lines—All Satisfied.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Attorney General McReynolds told friends today that scores of independent telephone companies in the United States are gratified with the dissolution agreement of tht so-called "telephone trust" which will give independents the use of thousands of miles of trunk lines operated by the Bell Company.

The department, he said, hardly could have expected any court to order the Bell company to allow independents to make use of Bell equipment and there practically was no chance that the indopendents could raise sufficient funds, if they had the desire, to build competing long distance lines.

According to figures laid before the Attorney General by N. C. Kingsbury, vice president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., who conducted the negotiations which led to the agreement of last night, there are more than 20,000 independent telephone companies in the country. The new agreement, it is declared, means that every one of these companies has the right to make use of the Bell lines in every part of the Union.

There was talk today at the Department of Justice of action by the Bell company to allow subscribers of independent companies in cities to talk to Bell subscribers through Bell exchanges and Bell lines, but Mr. McReynolds said this was a step that seemed to be far in the future. So far as he knew the independent companies were well satisfied with the American Telephone & Telegraph proposal.

Announcement a Surprise.

Announcement of the agreement caused an unusual burst of speculation here today. In some [illegible] was regarded as an indication of the fight that some of the conservative members of President Wilson's cabinet will make against government ownership of public utilities. It is known that Mr. McReynolds is strongly opposed to government ownership. The Attorney General is said to feel that government ownership is likely to come in the United States unless there can be a restoration of free competition in public service, but he believes the agreement with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., is a long step toward a return to competition in the telephone and telegraph field. In his opinion, the Sherman law is a sufficiently strong weapon to force any monopoly to come to terms and he is convinced that a clear demonstration of its power will do much to allay the growing sentiment for government ownership.

Postmaster General Burleson, it became known today, now has before him all data collected and put in concrete form respecting the proposed government acquisition of telegraph and telephone lines, but it is understood that it is not his present purpose to submit the findings of his experts to Congress, unless they are desired.

Burleson's Report.

In the summary of Mr. Burleson's annual rtport supplied to the newspapers, under the caption, "Postal Telegraph and Telephones," appeared this paragraph: "In June last a committee was appointed to make an investigation of this subject to determine the preliminary steps necessary for the government to take toward the acquisition of the telegraph lines in the country in accordance with section 5,267 of the revised statutes. This committee is now engaged in preparing its preliminary report, and if the findings justify such action proper rtcommendation will be made by the department at a later date."

As the report finally was issued in permanent form, this paragraph was eliminated and the following substituted:

"Since June last the department has been conducting a careful investigation to determine the desirability and practicability of extending the government ownership and control of means of communication with a view to the acquisition by the government

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OUTLINES

The dissolution of the telephone trust is very gratifying to the independent companies.

The jury in the trial of Moriarity for the murder of a society woman, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Mexican rebels are again advancing on Tampico from all directions. Several thousand men are in the movement and fear is expressed that the small force of two-odd thousand of Federals will not be able to defend the city.

S. A. Cunningham, known to every Confederate veteran alive and editor of the Confederate Veteran, published at Nashville, Tenn., died last night. He was respected and loved by the Union veterans as well as the Confederate soldiers.

Representative Glass declared that the differences between the Senate currency bill and the one the House sent to that body are serious. It was thought that the bill would be ready by Monday night but it is now uncertain when it will be ready for President Wilson's signature.

New York markets: Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 12.60; gulf 12.85. Wheat steady, No. 2 red 100 to 101; No. 1 northern duluth 99 1-2. Corn steady 74 1-2. Flour dull. Rosin quiet. Turpentine quiet. Money on call nominal, no loans.

TRYING TO SETTLE BIG DIFFERENCES

Representative Glass Declares They Are Serious.

NO IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT

Conference Committee Facing Big Task in Working Out Kinks in Currency Bill—House Members Opposed.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The task of settling differences between the House and the Senate on the Administration Currency bill was taken up in earnest tonight by the Democratc of the conference committee, headed by Senator Owen and Representative Glass. The Republicans of the committee did not attend. No one would predict when an agreement would be reached, and Representative Glass flatly declared that the differences were serious and that no immediate agreement was looked for. Predictions had been made early in the day of a report to the Senate on Monday.

The House conferees entered upon the work instructed to accept two Senate amendments calculated to aid agricultural communities. The instructions were adopted by the House after an effort to have it concur in all the Senate amtndments had failed. The amendments endorsed by the House were those providing that six months commercial paper shall be eligible for re-discount at tht Federal banks instead of three months paper only, as originally provided in the House bill, and giving new banks the right to make loans on five year farm mortgages up to one-third of their time deposits.

The Senate amendment providing for the establishment of a depositors' insurance fund was mentioned during the House debate, but it was not included in the instructions. The House conferees, however, held a session before meeting the Senate committee and decided to make a fight against the provision. Strong support for the amendment on the floor of the Senate was evidenced during consideration of the bill and a fur-

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N. C. FEDERAL OFFICES ARE CHANGING HANDS

TWO OF THEM FIRED

Seawell and Dockery Removed by Wilson

Had Been Asked to Resign and Refused—Winston and Dortch Go In—Seawell Markes a Statement.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—District Attorney H. F. Seawell and United States Marshal Claudius Dockery received their official notification today from Attorney General McReynolds notifying them that President Wilson had signed orders removing them from office at the close of business today. Both will, of course, have to vacate in compliance with the order. District Attorney Seawell gave out this statement:

Seawell Makes Statement.

"I received a telegram from the Attorney General informing me that the President had signed an order removing me from office at the close of business today. No reason is assigned for the action of the President. I assume that it was done at the instance of those who would impress upon the general public their great power in such matters. I have no complaint to make and no bid for sympathy. If I had, under the existing circumstances they would probably receive but scant consideration. Power exercised without right we all know is tyranny, but even a tyrant does not lack for popularity in certain quarters while his conduct is successful. The only reason ever suggested for my removal is foreshadowed in correspondence with the Attorney General some weeks ago. I know of no reason why the public should not have this correspondence."

Had Declined to Resign.

Mr. Seawell gave out copies of a letter he had from the Attorney General November 30th, asking for his resignation and his reply declining to resign. The letter asking for the resignation merely states that "It is desired to effect change in certain conditions in your district, and in order to accomplish this it is expedient that a change be made in your office. Will you therefore be good enough to send me your resignation to take effect when your successor is appointed, or such earlier date as the President may designate?"

The reply to this by District Attorney Seawell was to the effect that the letter did not indicate the nature of the changes desired in the district; that from newspaper publications it was indicated that his and other resignations were wanted for political reasons to give places to Hon. Francis D. Winston and Mr. W. T. Dortch. He had not credited these reports and did so now with reluctance; and he would be pleased to learn of any other cause.

NOMINATIONS SENT

Winston, Dortch and Webb Now Before Senate

But None of Them Will be Confirmed, It Is Said, Before Holidays—Postoffices Advanced—Some Visitors.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Following the removal of District Attorney Seawell and Marshals Dockery and Logan yesterday, the President today sent to the Senate the nominations of Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, to succeed Seawell and W. T. Dortch, of Goldsboro, and Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, to fill the vacancies caused by the removal of Dockery and Logan.

None of the three, it is said, will be confirmed before the holidays. Strong Republican opposition developed today to the confirmation of the three North Carolinians because they are to fill places made vacant by the removal of Republicans whose term of office had not expired. The best the Republican senators can hope for, however, is to delay the confirmation; all three will eventually be confirmed. In the meantime, Judge Connor has been asked by Senator Simmons to appoint temporarily Winston and Dortch. Senator Overman made a similar request of Judge Boyd in the case of Webb. Judge Boyd, however, may decline to comply.

Postoffices Advanced.

Ten North Carolina fourth-class postoffices will be advanced to the Presidential class effective January 1st. They are: China Grove, Jonesboro, Kannapolis, Marshville, Murfreesboro, Norwood, Pittsboro, Rosemary, Walnut Cove and Zebulon. The salary of the postmaster at Pittsboro will be $1,000 and $1,100 for each of the other offices advanced.

Park Commission Purchases.

The Appalachian Park Commission has purchased 6,661 acres of land in North Carolina desired by the commission as the "savannah area." The average price paid for the land was $7.90 per acre. Most of the land is in virgin timber and was owned by the Macon County Timber Co., Powell-May Lumber & Timber Co., and Chester Young.

Representative Doughton has recommended F. C. Gilliam for postmaster at Kannapolis and J. W. Smith at Norwood.

Civil service examinations will be held January 10th for carriers on Route 3 from Red Springs, and other vacancies in the county.

Representative Godwin has secured the establishment of city mail delivery service for Lumberton.

Mrs. Thad Shaw Page and Miss Fannie Fort left for Raleigh to spend the holidays with relatives.

John R. Gaskill, of Tarboro, and Dr. V. E. Turner, of Raleigh, are here.

MORIARITY JURY HANDS IN VERDICT

Man Accused of Murdering Woman is Released

NOT GUILTY OF CHARGE

Cause of Woman's Death Remains a Mystery—Was a Leader of Society and Testimony Showed No Cause for Murder.

Toms River, N. J., Dec. 20.—Joseph Moriarity, also known as William J. Leehan, was acquitted by a jury today on the charge of murdering Mrs. Carolina Turner, wife of a gardener on the estate of George Gould at Lakewood, N. J.

The jury was out an hour and ten minutes. The verdict caused an uproar in the court room which could not be quelled for five minutes.

The case of the prosecution, the defense contended, collapsed at last night's session when witnesses for the prisoner testified that Moriarity had been home all afternoon on the day of the murder.

Judge James Minturn, in his charge to the jury, drew special attention to the testimony given by Eli Goldberg, who said that Detective Jamison had told him Moriarity had been arrested so that the reputation of the detective agency might be saved.

Mrs. Turner, the State contended, was slain on the afternoon of April 28th, 1911. She was last seen alive by friends while entering the pine woods at the end of Lakewood's main street. Her body was found next afternoon, with the skull crushed. A seven-foot club lay nearby.

Moriarity, who left Lakewood not long after the crime was committed, was arrested April 3rd, this year. Mrs. Jasper Lynch, of Brooklyn, a well known society woman, engaged counsel for him. Mrs. Lynch attended every session of the trial. She said today that she would make an effort to clear up the mystery.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 20.—Charles Wappenstein, ex-chief of police of Seattle, after serving 20 months of a penitentiary sentence for accepting bribes from keepers of a disorderly house, was pardoned by Governor Lister today.

S. A. CUNNINGHAM CLAIMED BY DEATH

Editor of Confederate Veteran at Nashville

WAS KNOWN AND LOVED BY ALL

Remnants of Both Armies Respected the Aged Editor As One of the Most Brilliant Lights in Their Ranks.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—S. A. Cunningham, editor of the Confederato Veteran, died here tonight after an illness of several days. He was widely known among veterans both of the Union and Confederate armies.

Mr. Cunningham's death was due to a series of hemorrhages of the nose. He has been in a serious condition since Wednesday when he was found in his office, unconscious from loss of blood. He rallied momentarily next day, but later suffered several recurrences of the hemorrhage. He was 70 years old.

A veteran of the Confederate army, Mr. Cunningham had devoted himself for many years to writing and publishing articles on matters connected with the Civil War. He was active in the ranks of the Confederate army and has been editor of the Confederate Veteran, organ of the United Confederate Veterans, since 1893.

Funeral services will be held here tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Cunningham was born in Bedford county, Tennessee, July 21st, 1843. He was reared on a farm and obtained but a meagre education, which he later supplemented by extensive reading. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the Confederate army as a private. He later was promoted to orderly sergeant, Company B, 41st Tennessee Infantry, and then sergeant-major of the regiment.

He entered the newspaper field in 1870 when he bought the Shelbyville Commercial. In 1876 he bought the Chattanooga Times but sold it four years later. He next founded "Our Day," an exponent of "Southern Sentiment," in New York, but the venture was not successful.

TINKER DEAL SETTLED.

Old War Horse Will Really Play With Brooklyn.

Cincinnati, Dec. 20.—The controversy over the services of Shortstop Joe Tinker between the Brooklyn and Cincinnati clubs was settled at a conference between President Ebbets of the former and President Herrmann and Secretary Stephens, of the local club, here today. It was agreed that Ebbetts could pay Cincinnati $15,000 for Tinker and hand over $10,000 to Tinker for signing with Brooklyn.

A supplementary agreement also gives Cincinnati the privilege of purchasing Pitcher Yingling and Outfielder Moran of Brooklyn, while Brooklyn can buy Second Baseman Egan of the local team. This latter deal is optional with both clubs. They are given until January 7th to exercise their options. Cincinnati can purchase Yingling for $8,500 and Morgan for $4,000. Brooklyn can obtain Egan for $8,000. It is almost certain that these deals will be closed.

It was said that final arrangements for the transfer of these players would have been made today, but for the fact that both Ebbetts and Herrmann desired to confer with their managers before absolutely closing the deal.

If both clubs exercise their options the total trade would amount to Cincinnati giving Tinker and Egan to Brooklyn for Yingling and Moran and $7,500, Tinker getting $10,000 from Brooklyn out of the deal.

The conference lasted almost three hours and at its conclusion both Ebbetts, Herrman and Stephens stated that they were entirely satisfied. Steprens represents that portion of the board of directors of the Cincinnati club which last week disapproved of the previous Tinker deal.

COMMEMORATE REUNION.

Of Union and Confederate Veterans at Gettysburg.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The creation of the Gettysburg Peace Memorial commission to procure a suitable location and the erection there of a memorial on the Gettysburg battlefield to commemorate the reunion of the Union and Confederate veterans there last July, was proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Shirley, of Kentucky.

The bill directs that the commission shall comprise the Secretary of War, John P. Nicholson, chairman of the Gettysburg National Military Park commission, and Andrew Gowan, Eli Torrance, John C. Blarck and Thos. S. Hookins, representing the Union veterans, and former Secretary of the Navy Hilary A. Herbert, William Hodges Mann, E. McIver Law, and A. J. West, representing the Confederate veterans. The bill would provide an appropriation of $500,000 for the memorial.

Gulfport, Miss., December 20.—A furnished residence known here as the "Herndon Place" at Pass Christian, has been selected as the temporary "Winter capital" for occupancy by President Wilson and his family during his holiday vacation.

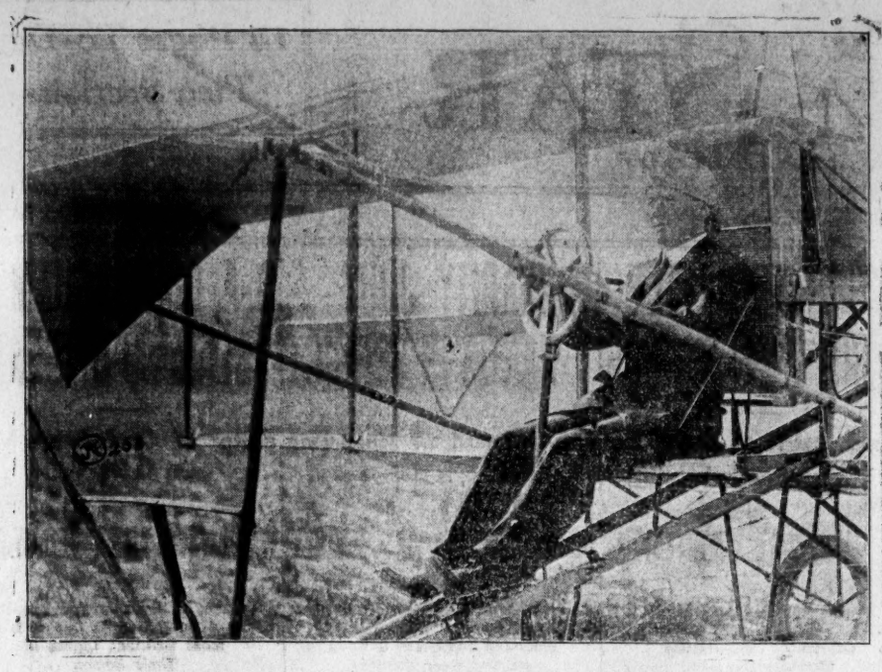
FOUNDER OF WOODCRAFT IS DESPERATELY ILL.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 20.—Soverign Commander Joseph Cullen Root, of Omaha, Neb., of the Woodmen of the World and founder of Woodcraft, is desperately ill at Hendersonville.

His son has been wired for and will come to his father's bedside immediately.

LINCOLN BEACHY—"THE DARING."



Fresno, Cal., Dec. 20.—Lincoln Beachy looped the loop four times in a biplane here today. He also flew upsidedown for an eighth of a mile. Tomorrow Beachy says he will attempt looping the loop with his hands off the steering gear.

DISSOLUTION OF TRUST A SURPRISE

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of the telegraph and telephone facilities, to be operated as an adjunct to the postal service. The Postmaster Gneral is now engaged in viewing the data collected and later, if desired, will submit same to the appropriate committees of Congress for their consideration.

The change of the paragraph was made at the last moment, the date meantime having been submitted to the Postmaster General in form of a report. This report will be held by Mr. Burleson, it is understood, without further expression upon his part.

It was an opinion quite generally shared today that other big corporations are apt to follow with agreements similar to that of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Among those who already have sought to settle their involved affairs out of court is the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co.

The department's attitude toward the American Telephane & Telegraph Co. is not to be taken, it is asserted, as an indication that it does not intend to make use of suits in court, nor that it does not expect to call into play the criminal features of that statute, in cases of conspiracy in restraint of trade where the real offenders can be reached.

For Government Ownership.

Representative Lewis, of Maryland, author of the parcel post law, introduced a resolution today to direct the House postoffice committee to report a bill for government ownership of telephone lines to be operated by the Postoffice Department.

In a statement accompanying his resolution Mr. Lewis contended that the action of the Bell Telephone Company to prevent litigation under the anti-trust law did not affect the legislative situation at all.

The Lewis resolution embodies a plan by which the telephone lines would be appraised by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and the companies might appeal to the United States circuit courts on the awards. Pending litigation, interest at the rate of four per cent. a year would be paid to the owners. The government would issue three per cent. bonds from time to time as the acquisition of properties demanded.

Vail Makes Statement.

New York, Dec. 20.—Referring to relations between the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Western Union, T. N. Vail, president of both, said today:

"No such thing as dissolution has occurred, for the reason that no such thing as a merger ever occurred in the past. The relations between the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Western Union have never been in the nature of a merger. Development of the mutual relations has been of a complementary character, or an extension by each of the other's facilities.

"Care has always been taken that nothing be done which would affect whatever competition might be considered to exist. The two services are in fact not competitive; if there is in theory any competition, it is because in some instances, the use of one service may be an alternative for the use of the other.

"There is no setback in this separation to the material interests of either company, but on the contrary, now that there is some understanding of what can be done and what cannot be done, greater progress along the lines defined can be expected."

Kingsbury's Statement.

Vice President Kingsbury, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, said no plan for the disposal of the company's holdings in the Western Union had yet been considered.

The holdings in question amount to about $29,000,000, par value, and were purchased, it is understood, at about $85 a share.

Mr. Vail will resign as president of the Western Union, Mr. Kingsbury said, and other directors of the latter company who are directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will also resign.

Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Mackay companies which control the Postal Telegraph Company and the Commercial Cable Company, rivals of the Western Union and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, issued the following statement:

"It has been a bitterly fought contest. The result is a gratifying solution of the whole trouble. Anybody with any perspective at all could have seen during the past years that there would be an end to a huge combination whose chief purpose was to throttle competition in order to control and monopolize.

"We feel grateful to the administration and particularly to Attorney General McReynolds for the result."

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Clement S. Baxter, former State bank examiner, was found guilty here today of the larceny of $3,140 of funds of the defunct Columbus Savings and Trust Bank.

SUPPOSED LEMON TRUST.

Exists in New York—Italian Vs. California Trade.

New York, Dec. 20.—Charges that a lemon trust exists in New York and has maintained a lobby in Washington to reduce the tariff on lemons, are made in a suit filed here today by William S. Armstrong, receiver for the Mercadante-Regan Company, importers of fruits.

Armstrong seeks to recover damages from the Sicula-American Steamship Company which, he says, entered into an agreement in 1911 with the Fruit Importers Union and other importers of lemons to add two pence, English money, to the regular freight rate on every box of lecons brought here by the line. The Mercandate-Regan Company which failed in 1912, was not a member of the union or a party to the agreement, Armstrong relates, but was compelled to use the steamers of the Sicula-American Company and pay the extra rate.

The plaintiff alleges that this extra tax was to be used to lobby for a reduction of the tariff on Italian lemons in opposition to the efforts of the California lemon growers who wanted the tariff retained.

COUNT KILLS WIFE.

And His Nephew—Consternation Over the Tragedy.

Graetz, Germany, Dec. 20.—Consternation has been caused in German society circles by a tragedy at Castle Dakowynoskrz, near this city, where Count Matthias Mielzynski, a Polish nobleman and member of the German Imperial Parliament, today shot and killed his wife and nephew. The count tonight is a prisoner in the castle, one of his many country seats, under a guard of gendarmes.

Stories of the shooting are contradictory. The one most generally believed is that the count, who for some time, it is reported, has been suspicious of his wife, pretended to go on a journey. Returning unexpectedly at 4 o'clock this morning he is said to have gone to his own room and there secured a rifle. Entering the bedroom of the countess he fired two shots, killing his wife and his nephew instantly.

The infatuation of the countess and the nephew for each other had long been rumored. The countess was 38 years old and the nephew 24.

Count Mielzynski is a painter of some repute. Three children were born to the count and countess.

WORLD'S PRODUCTION.

As Reported to the International Institute of Agriculture.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Figures on world production for the present year, cabled today to the Department of Agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture, at Rome, were as follows:

All wheat 3,569,000,000 bushels, being 8.9 per cent more than last year; all rye 1,828,000,000 bushels, 1 per cent less than last year; barley 1,524,000,000 bushels, 7.7 per cent more than last year; oats 4,571,000,000 bushels, 2.3 per cent more than last year; the foregoing including the production in Austria, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain and Ireland, Hungary, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Roumania, Russia in Europe (63 governments) Switzerland, Canada, United States, India, Japan, Russia in Ahia (10 governments), Algeria and Tunis.

The total production of cleaned cotton was 9,296,000,000 pounds, 2.1 per cent more than last year, in the United States, India, Japan and Egypt.

KELLOGG IS GUILTY.

Goes to Atlanta for Thirteen Months on Charge of Defrauding.

New York, Dec. 20.—Robert B. Kellogg, publisher of song poems, who has been on trial in Federal district court on a charge of having used the mails with intent to defraud, was found guilty today and sentenced to 13 months imprisonment at the Atlanta Federal penitentiary. The jury was out almost three hours, and found Kellogg guilty on two counts. The verdict was accompanied by a recommendation for mercy.

Kellogg's attorneys have applied for a writ of error and secured a continuation of the bail bond. Judge Grubb will reach a decision on the writ next Monday.

The specific charges against Kellokk were that he had accepted money from writers of song poems for the purpose of pushing the sale of their products, but had failed to live up to this agreement. Kellogg also undertook to write music for some of the poems sent him. Several witnesses testified that his compositions had not been satisfactory.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—Indictments charging Clarence S. Darrow with bribing jurors in the McNamara dynamiting case were dismissed today. Darrow, one of the attorneys in the dynamiting case has been tried twice on the bribery charge, one jury acquitting him and the other disagreeing.

People who believe themselves common have become quite uncommon in these latter days.

NOTORIOUS YEGGMAN.

Paroled by Blease Is Again Arrested at Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 20.—William McKinley, alias "Dayton Scotty," a notorious yeggman, known to the police of the country as the leader of the Nolan-McKinley gang of safe-crackers, who was paroled by Governor Blease on November 24th after serving a part of a ten-year term in the South Carolina penitentiary for blowing up a safe in a store at Montmorenci, S. C., on December 16th, 1902, was arrested here today accused of breaking into a store at Moore, S. C., on the night of December 10th.

McKinley, before being tried for the blowing up of the safe at Montmorenci, had just completed a five-year term in the Federal prison at Atlanta, where he was sent for cracking a postoffice safe in this State after being arrested in Columbia by postoffice inspectors.

ANTI-COLOMBIAN SPIRIT.

Demonstration in Panama—Houses Are Stoned.

Panama, Dec. 20.—As the result of an anti-Colombian demonstration here Thursday night, when several houses occupied by Colombians were stoned, Sanchez Ramirez, the confidential agent here of the Colombian government sailed for home today for reasons of safety.

The outburst against Colombians grew out of an article published in a newspaper at Barranquilla, Colombia, containing among other statements, one that the people of Panama desired to return to the Colombian fold. A local partisan replied with a bitter article, which in turn brought forth a statement from Colombia's confidential agent and it was against him that popular indignation was directed.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Newport News Shipbuilding Company was the lowest bidder for the construction of naval transport No. 1 and naval supply ship No. 1, today. Their bid for the former was $1,695,000 if the vessel is constructed on their own designs and tried over the Lewes, Delaware course. Their bid for the supply ship was $1,315,000 under similar conditions.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 20.—A wireless message at the navy yard here today from the battleship Ohio, on her way to this port, from Cuba, for fumigation, stated that no new cases of smallpox had developed aboard. She is due here at 7 A. M. tomorrow.

The bad man doesn't deserve a eulogy upon his gravestone, and the good man doesn't need one.

STEAMER TOTAL LOSS.

Struck Rocks at Point Clark, Culvert Island, B. C.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 20.—The Alaska Coast Co., steamer Jeanie, which struck the rocks at Point Clark, Calvert Island, B. C., Friday morning, will be a total loss, according to word received today from Capt. Barnes, of the Dominion government steamer Estevan, which went to her rescue.

The crew of the Jeanie was taken off today and set ashore at Safety Bay. On the night of November 18th, 1906, the Jeanie rammed the steamboat Dix just outside Seattle harbor and the latter vessel sank in 100 afthoms of water, carrying down 54 of her passengers.

Cleveland, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Harriet Adams, former president of the United Women of the Republic, a writer of fiction and nationally known as a temperance worker, is in a critical condition here from burns received this afternoon in a gas explosion at her home. She is 75 years old. The explosion was caused by Mrs. Adams striking a match in a room filled with gas from an open jet.

Marshall, Ill., Dec. 20.—While seated at the supper table tonight Mrs. Mary E. Fix seized a butcher knife and cut the throat of her two-year-old grandson, killing him. She then drew the blade across her own throat. She died a few hours later. Mrs. Fix had been mentally affected since the death of her husband a few weeks ago.

Athens, Dec. 20.—It is probable that the Olympic games which were to have been held here next Easter will be postponed.

DENIED RELIEF OF WEEPING

Peculiar Fact Concerning the Insane Is That They Are Positively Unable to Cry.

One of the most curious facts connected with madness is the utter absence of tears amid the insane. Whatever the form of madness, tears are conspicuous by their absence, as much in the depression of melancholy, or excitement of mania, as in the utter apathy of dementia.

If a patient in a lunatic asylum be discovered in tears, it will be found that it is one beginning to recover, or an emotional outbreak in an epileptic who is scarcely truly insane, while actual insane persons appear to have lost the power of weeping; it is only returning reason which can once more unloose the fountain of their tears.

Even when a lunatic is telling one in fervid language how she has been deprived of her children, or the outrages that have been perpetrated to herself, her eye is never even moist. The ready gush of tears which accompanies the plaint of the sane woman contrasts strangely with the dry-eyed appeal of the talkative lunatic. It would, indeed, seem that tears give relief to feelings which, when pent up, lead to madness. It is one of the privileges of reason to be able to weep. Amid all the misery of the insane they find no relief in tears.

Believer in Eugenics.

Believers in the vital importance to the race of more careful mating of the sexes argue that not more than 1 per cent. of the men of any generation can be called distinguished or especially gifted. They say that of this little minority of one in every hundred at least half are the children of parents one or both of whom have unquestionable eminence in some field or endeavor, or are otherwise lifted above the powers and gifts of average men. That leaves half of the notably endowed men of the world to spring from the great mass of ordinary human beings. If these figures are correct it follows that the children of distinguished parents have about one hundred times as good a chance of winning fame or proving great powers as the children of the commonplace majority.

Some people might do great things, if it didn't take them forever to hit the nail on the head.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

(Continued from Page One.)

date in those years, follow:

Year:	Ginnings	Per Cent.
Alabama—		
1913	1,444,603	....
1912	1,234,755	93.0
1911	1,561,136	92.1
1908	1,265,953	95.0
Arkansas—		
1913	884,702	....
1912	703,329	91.2
1911	746,802	82.2
1908	847,312	85.1
Florida—		
1913	63,032	....
1912	52,885	89.9
1911	51,952	80.7
1908	64,131	90.8
Georgia—		
1913	2,213,426	....
1912	1,675,670	92.4
1911	2,517,857	90.1
1908	1,868,965	94.5
Louisiana—		
1913	391,206	....
1912	361,123	96.4
1911	340,304	89.4
1908	435,603	93.4
Mississippi—		
1913	1,084,589	....
1912	883,458	88.0
1911	996,601	85.2
1908	1,441,947	89.0
North Carolina—		
1913	706,252	....
1912	819,602	90.4
1911	913,944	81.1
1908	615,736	90.1
Oklahoma—		
1913	791,623	....
1912	902,329	89.8
1911	862,888	84.9
1908	514,535	93.1
South Carolina—		
1913	1,276,402	....
1912	1,128,850	92.9
1911	1,423,383	84.1
1908	1,134,183	93.3
Tennessee—		
1913	340,546	....
1912	290,220	86.1
1911	360,510	85.8
1908	302,627	90.6
Texas—		
1913	3,627,410	....
1912	4,368,915	94.0
1911	3,862,143	94.0
1908	3,368,874	92.9
Other States—		
1913	99,760	....
1912	77,811	86.4
1911	103,257	74.3
1908	63,956	87.4

The ginnings of Sea Island cotton, prior to December 13, by States, follow:

Years:	Fla.	Ga.	S. C.
1913	24,126	38,866	6,880
1912	19,505	25,418	5,522
1911	35,585	58,008	4,442
1908	26,870	37,952	10,743

The next ginning report will be issued Friday, January 9, at 10 A. M., and will announce the quantity of cotton ginned prior to January 1.

Current events in the postal department may serve to remind Frank Hitchcock that he once had a little policy that he called his own.

Cutting away the southern delegation timber is likely to bring into view the gentleman who has long occupied a snug place in the wood pile.

From the way Huerta has 'em blocking each other on the outside, he must have secured old Ab Hamid as his confidential adviser.

The forest products laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin, has made 4,000 tests on the strength of American woods.

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We have in our possession a prescription for nervous debility, lack of vigor, weakened manhood, failing memory and lame back, brought on by exesses, unnatural drains, or the follies of youth, that has cured so many worn and nervous men right in their own homes—without any additional help or medicine—that we think every man who wishes to regain his manly power and virility, quickly and quietly, should have a copy. So we have determined to send a copy of the prescription free of charge, in a plain, ordinary sealed envelope to any man who will write us for it.

This prescription comes from a physician who has made a special study of men, and we are convinced it is the surest-acting combination for the cure of deficient manhood and vigor failure ever put together.

We think we owe it to our fellow men to send them a copy in confidence so that any man anywhere who is weak and discouraged with repeated failures may stop drugging himself with harmful patent medicines, secure what we believe is the quickest acting restorative, upbuilding, SPOT-TOUCHING remedy ever devised, and so cure himself at home quietly and quickly. Just drop us a line like this: Interstate Remedy Co., 4163 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and we will send you a copy of this splendid receipe in a plain, ordinary envelope, free of charge. A great many doctors would charge $3.00 to $5.00 for merely writing out a prescription like this—but we send it entirely free.

Juarez has been one of the recent storm centers of the revolution in Mexico and has the distinction of having been for the sixth time taken on November 14th when 2,000 rebels, led by General Pancho Villa, attacked and captured the town between 2:30 and 5 o'clock in the morning. Taken by surprise the Federal garrison of about 400 men put up but a weak resistance. The rebel troops reached the center of the town, shown here, before a shot was fired.

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St. James' church, Rev. Wm. H. Milton, D. D., rector—Holy communion at 7:30, morning prayer and sermon at 11, evening prayer and sermon at 8. Organ recital at 7:45. Everybody cordially welcome, come and bring a friend.

Southside Baptist church, corner of Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor—Morning worship at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock by the pastor. Baptism at the close of the night service. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Young Men's prayer meeting at 10 A. M. Public cordially invited to worship with us.

St. Mathew's Ev. Lutheran church, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning service: "The Fullness of the Time." Evening subject: "Jacob's Vision." Sunday school 10 A. M. Luther League 6:45 P. M. Mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesday at 8 P. M. Services on Christmas day 11 A. M. A most cordial welcome to all the services.

The Fifth Street Methodist church, Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school 3 P. M., W. H. Schaufer, superintendent. Epworth League Tuesday 8 P. M., E. A. Palmgren, president. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M., conducted by the pastor. A cordial welcome extended to the public to all the services of the church.

St. Mary's church, Fifth and Ann streets—First mass 7 A. M. Last mass and sermon 10:30 A. M. Vespers and sermon 8 P. M.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. A. J. Howell, pastor—Preaching by the pastor this morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The public cordially invited to attend.

The Christian Science Society is held in church edifice, corner 17th and Market streets, Sunday 11 A. M. Lesson sermon: "Is the Universe, Including man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Sunday school follows immediately at close of morning service. Wednesday evening services are held in same edifice at 8 P. M. The reading room adjoining church is open daily except Sundays and legal holidays from 3:30 to 5 P. M. The public is cordially invited to both services and the reading room.

Brooklyn Baptist church, J. A. Sullivan, pastor—Services Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject: "Heroes in Common Life." Night subject: "Why Stand Ye Idle?" Junior B. Y. P. U. Sunday 10 A. M. Sunday school 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday night. Teachers' meeting Friday night. A cordial welcome to all.

St. John's Episcopal church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector—Holy communion 7:30 A. M. Service and sermon 11 A. M. Sunday school 4 P. M. Evening prayer and sermon 8 P. M. Seats free. All are cordially invited.

St. John's Mission, 1313 North Fourth street—Sunday school 9:30 A. M. Everybody welcome.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. At the morning service a beautiful window, a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. H. Rehder, will be dedicated. The subject of the window is Christ Blessing the Children. The sermon will be based on this theme. At the evening service the pastor will preach on: "The Conquering Christ." Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Visitors are cordially welcome at all services.

Occasionally the wonder arises why the hero that could bottle up the whole Spanish fleet never thought of giving himself first-aid treatment.

Grand Theatre

Monday, December 22nd, 11 A. M. to 11 P. M.

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"TWO FATHERS" (Comedy.)

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Just Ring

"FIVE" "ONE"

CHRISTMAS BUSINESS GOOD

Lumberton Merchants Busy—Executive Action Resented—Clock 74 Years Old, Still Good.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 20.—As Christmas draws near there is a perceptible improvement in business here, all the merchants appearing to be busy. Both town and country shoppers are already buying their Christmas goods, thus avoiding the rush during the last few days in which so many people usually fail to get what they would like to have because they waited too long.

Twice during the last few weeks the Governor has been called upon to have steps taken to prevent negroes from being lynched in Robeson and Hoke counties. When Dave Monroe was placed in jail here three or four weeks ago, the sheriff had good reason to believe that an attempt might be made to lynch the negro, but the sheriff knew then as well as now that in a short time he could put men enough around the jail to put to flgn any lynching party that might be organized in the county, and it was not his fault that he was ordered by the Governor to carry Monroe to Raleigh. Thursday when Mr. Brown was killed in Hoke, the acting Governor ordered the Lumber Bridge military company to hold itself in readiness to protect the murderer, though he had not been arrested. Whoever it is advising the Governor of the necessity of calling out troops to save savages, such as Monroe and Dupree, if they are guilty as charged, certainly have little confidence in the citizenship of this and Hoke counties. If there is anyone in either county who thinks that the law-abiding people are not in the majority, he ought to move away quietly and disappear entirely.

Clock 74 Years Old Running.

Mr. Jerry Sessoms, of East Lumberton, says that he owns a Seth Thomas clock which records show was purchased by some of his ancestors, probably his grandfather, October 21, 1839. The works are all made of wood, a wire being used to ring the hour instead of a bell. Mr. Sessoms says that, while the clock has been running for 74 years, it shows no signs of wearing and still keeps as perfect time as any clock.

It is genuinely regretted by many people in Lumberton that Miss Fannie Knight, who has taught in the graded school for several sessions, will not be here any more, having resigned at the close of the fall term. During her stay in Lumberton, it is safe to say that no lady ever made more friends during the same length of time anywhere. To know Miss Knight is to love her. She left this morning for her home in Raleigh, where on January 15th she will be married.

Coming up Elm street from the Seaboard passenger station, the poles on the right hand side or the street, belonging to the telephone company, are painted black and green, while those on the left side, belonging to the town, show no signs of ever having been painted, and we do not believe they have been. Would it not greatly improve the appearance of things to dress these poles up in some color of paint?

Doing Fine Business.

One wholesale house in Lumberton has handled 400 boxes of Florida oranges and three car loads of bananas this week, besides large quantities of apples, etc. That does not indicate a dull Christmas, from a fruit standpoint. This wholesale business is conducted by Messrs. Birmingham & Wishart, who began business a few prized not only themselves, but their pried not only themselves, but their friends as well.

For many years a beautiful oak tree stood in the edge of the so-called sidewalk on Fourth street, between Elm and Chestnut, but two or three weeks ago it was cut down, it was said, to give a better view of the new bank building on the corner of Fourth and Chestnut. For some reason the grand old stump of the tree still remains lying in the street, and, while it does not hide any building, it is greatly in the way of traffic on the street and should be removed, or it should have been left standing.

Judge C. C. Lyon and Solicitor N. A. Sinclair spent Thursday here on business. Among other matters claiming their attention was the arranging of the appeal of Will T. McKenzie, who is in jail here from Scotland county, under death sentence, for the murder of his brother-in-law some time ago.

Notwithstanding the fact that many people use parcel post instead of express, Agent Thomas, of the express company here says business at this time is far ahead of what it was this time last year.

Newspaper Plant for Sale.

The plant of the Robeson Advance is advertised to be sold at public auction next Saturday, December 27th, to satisfy mortgage. The paper was established in September, 1910, by the late Col. S. A. Edmund. It was first a Republican paper, but later changed hands and was made a Democratic paper. The office has been closed two or three weeks.

Mr. R. M. Gaddy, a native of Gaddysville, S. C., but for the past 30 years residing at Marion, Va., spent Thursday here with relatives. It was his first visit to Lumberton in 30 years, and, of course, the town was new to him. He has gone to Dillon to spend Christmas.

Quite a number of young people who have been attending different coleges, have arrived during the week to spend the holidays at home.

The graded school closed yesterday for the holidays and the out-of-town teachers have gone to their respective homes to spend their vacation.

Eggs 30 Cents a Dozen.

Eggs didn't wait for Christmas to drop in price, as they are plentiful at 30 cents a dozen.

Rev. W. B. North, the new pastor of the Methodist church, has arrived and will fill first appointments tomorrow morning and evening. His family will not arrive until about New Year and until then he will be a guest of Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White.

It is understood that all the Sunday schools in town will have Christmas trees or other entertainment during the coming week.

Superintendent Gore, of the Seaboard, spent Thursday in town consulting with the town and cotton mill officials in regard to properly draining the lower part of town and thus banish the malaria which causes a good deal of sickness here during the spring and summer season. This is something that the whole community is interested in and every citizen should do all in his power in every way to aid in the good work.

Health Conditions Good.

Dr. B. W. Page, county superintendent of health, has been visiting a number of the schools in the county and reports health conditions as being very satisfactory. At St. Paul's whooping cough is prevalent to some extent and from another source it is learned that there are some cases of it at Lumber Bridge. Taken as a whole conditions in Robeson were perhaps never better.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul returned yesterday from Atlanta where he attended a meeting of the Southern Surgical Association.

Your correspondent cannot find words to express his satisfaction at the statement in the papers this morning that Col. Walker Taylor would succeed Mr. Keith as collector of customs at Wilmington. Our Senators could not have done better.

So far as is known here, the negro who so brutally murdered Mr. Mack Brown in Hoke Thursday, has not been apprehended.

Yellow Holly.

Holly, red and yellow, is being used for holiday decorations. Of course, the red is nothing new, but the yellow holly is very scarce in this section. The berries on the yellow variety are not as large as the red, but pretty just the same.

Talk about booze, but only those who see it arriving and departing will believe that so much of the stuff is being used in this section. This is transfer point for two railroads from the Seaboard, and it's a sight to behold. One hundred and twenty-five packages of liquor are reported to be all that came in this morning on the V. & C. S. The two express trains on the Seaboard brought a large quantity, but it was handled so rapidly that it would have required two or three men to have counted it.

Some Bad Oysters.

As the result of eating oysters which were not as sound as they might have been, last night two ladies in town were made desperately ill, requiring the service of a physician for several hours. Just two or three bad oysters were responsible for the trouble.

We wish all The Star readers and everybody else a Merry Christmas.

W. S. W.

CHAUTAUQUA FOR GOLDSBORO.

To be Held Next May—Merchants Doing Big Business.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—Goldsboro has secured, through the energy and activity of the chamber of commerce, a week's engagement from the Redpath Chautauqua to be held in this city next May. This, together with the securing of the extension of the schedule of the Southern passenger trains Nos. 108 and 131 from Raleigh to Goldsboro, are illustrations of the valuable service which can be rendered by this active organization.

The volume of Christmas shopping in this city is the largest for the season in many years. Every incoming train brings swarms from the nearby towns, indicative of this section's prosperity as well as the extensive advertising of Goldsboro merchants.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

MURDERED "CONJURE DOCTOR"

Will Newsom to Die in Electric Chair for Murder of George Taylor in Greene County.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Snow Hill, N. C., Dec. 20.—Will Newsom, a well-to-do negro farmer of Greene county, will die in the electric chair February 6th, for the murder of George Taylor, an aged black, in September. The trial in Superior court at Snow Hill was a notable one, with a brilliant array of counsel defending Newsom. It was thought when the case went to the jury at 10:30 Thursday night that the prisoner would be acquitted, and the first degree verdict brought in late yesterday came as a surprise.

Taylor, about 70 years of age, lived in an out-of-the-way part of Greene and had a reputation among the darkies of his neighborhood as a "conjure doctor." He was supposed to have exercised a "spell" over Newsom. The latter was told by a white planter of the section that if he would clean up a plat of ground owned by the white man, he would be allowed the use of it for a stated number of years. The negro agreed.

Old Taylor, hearing of the contract, told Newsom that he was a fool to accept the obligation. Later Newsom saw the "conjure doctor" "projecking" with a plow that he had left in a field. Following a day's use of the plow by him Newsom was attacked by rheumatism in one of his arms. He suffered considerably, and placed the blame upon the enchantment of the plow by Taylor. "He put a snake in my arm," he told other negroes, to whom he stated that he would kill the old hoodoo man. At the first opportunity he shot at Taylor, but failed to hit him. Events following confirmed the superstitious negro's belief that his white-haired neighbor was a sorcerer, and finally in desperation he planned to murder him in the night.

At midnight he went to the cabin home of Taylor. The latter's aged wife was in bed with him. Four other negroes were sleeping in the house. Newsom fired through a window, killing Taylor where he lay. The other inmates spent night of terror following the shooting. At the coroner's inquest Newsom was a spectator. He was arrested, and tried to bribe one of the witnesses at the preliminary trial. On the stand in Superior court Newsom admitted his belief in spooks and magic, and told the court his belief was based upon Biblical lore. He stoutly denied the crime, however, and made a very intelligent statement in his defense. The evidence was in the main circumstantial, and it was freely predicted that the jury would free the prisoner. Judge Whedbee sentenced him to be electrocuted on February 6th.

157 BUSHELS ON AN ACRE.

Leonard H. Brown Wins First Prize in Wayne Contest.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—The Wayne County Corn Club met in this city Friday for the final report of the year's contest and the annual awarding of prizes and premiums. Fifteen boys out of the original 26 who started into the contest last spring and stuck to it, had reports at Friday's meeting, and while only three could win the official prizes offered by the county of $50, $30 and $20, every boy present in the contest was awarded a prize through the thoughtful public spirit and generous liberality of Goldsboro's business men, aggregating several hundred dollars as a whole.

Master Leonard H. Brown, of Smith's Chapel, raised 157 1-4 bushels of corn on one acre and was awarded the first prize of $50; Master Donnie Newsome ran second, with 151.30 bushels, and was awarded $30; while Master E. A. Stevens was third with 82 1-4 bushels with the award of $20. Numerous other and smaller prizes were awarded in different phases of the contest and the boys were enthusiastic over the results and the prospects for the future.

REV. J. H. DICKINSON ELECTED.

President of Goldsboro Y. M. C. A. to Succeed Rev. V. G. Smith.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—At a recent meeting of the Y. M. C. A. of this city, called for the purpose by the secretary, Mr. H. L. Graham, Rev. J. Hallowell Dickinson, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church of this city, was elected president to succeed Rev. V. G. Smith, who was recently called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church at Portsmouth.

Other officers elected were Mr. L. C. Bass, vice president; Mr. H. L. Graham, secretary; Mr. E. U. Kendrick, treasurer; with Revs. G. T. Watkins and N. H. D. Wilson added to the directorate. The organization, launched less than a year ago, already has attractive entertainment and reading rooms and is making rapid and enthusiastic progress in its work.

FROM THE ROAD.

Some Items of Interest Picked Up by Traveling Correspondent.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Bolton, N. C., Dec. 20.—Your correspondent is sorry to announce that Mr. C. F. Ashley and little son are quite ill at Bolton; also Mr. Cecil Council, of Wananish, and also his little son. Many friends wish for them speedy recovery.

Mr. D. W. Galloway, of Fairmont, is also quite ill there. Mr. Galloway is a brother of Dr. Galloway, of Wilmington.

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Powell are deeply grieved to learn of the sad death of their little daughter, Annie, which occurred yesterday at Clarkton. E. C. W.

NEGROES REPORTED FLOGGED

For ncouraging Dupree in Murder of Brown—Report Neither Denied Nor Confirmed.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—Adjutant General Laurence W. Young, of the North Carolina National Guard, just back from Robeson and Hoke counties, where he went to take a hand in preventing any mob violence as the outcome of the dastardly murder of Mr. Mark Brown Thursday at Dundarroch, Hoke county, by a negro named Dupree, says that the manner in which the military company at Lumber Bridge turned out for service was most gratifying to the State authorities and demonstrated the efficiency and utility of local militia for special service of this sort. There were 44 of the 52 members of the company on duty.

The negro, Dupree, has not been captured and it is now believed that he has gotten completely away from that section. He was last heard from going into Cumberland county. Gen. Young could neither confirm nor deny the reports that crowds of indignant citizens thrashed soundly the two negroes who were captured on the charge of encouraging Dupree in his fatal attack on Mr. Brown; also, that the wife of Dupree, who also urged her husband to his awful crime, was soundly flogged.

A charter was issued today for the Citizens' Drug Co., of Hamlet, capital $25,000 authorized and $2,000 subscribed by W. H. H. Bagwell and others for general drug business.

Commission for Capt. Bailey.

A commission was issued today by Adjutant General Young to Edward P. Bailey, as captain of Second Company, North Carolina Coast Artillery, Wilmington, to succeed Capt. E. A. Metts, resigned. Mr. Bailey has just been elected captain by the Wilmington company.

Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young has received applications from the First National Fire Insurance Co., of Washington, D. C., and the Hartford Accident & Industrial Insurance Co., for licenses to do business in this State.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of public instruction, is just back from attending the Washington-Tyrrell county educational rally at Columbia, and says these two counties, under the joint superintendency of Jno. W. Darden, are making fine educational progress.

We live today to die tomorrow; but die tomorrow to die no more.

Christmas slippers, all kinds, at Peterson & Rulfs. (advertisement.) de 19-21-23.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Sept. 14, 1913. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90, ‡ 3:40 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:20 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M.	No. 91, a 1:15 A.M.
No. 51, * 8:35 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50, *12:30 A.M.
No. 64, ‡ 5:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65, ‡ 6:25 P.M.
No. 48, * 8:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P.M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52, * 8:05 P.M.
No. 58, * 3:15 P.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, * 1:40 P.M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P.M.
No. 59, * 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate stations.	No. 60, ‡10:15 A.M.
No. 43, * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Parlor, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, 10:00 A.M.
No. 57, ‡ 7:00 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Conway and Intermediate stations.	No. 58, ‡ 9:45 A.M.

* Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday. b Sunday only. a Daily except Monday

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent, WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT OCTOBER 6th, 1913.

Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

EASTBOUND. Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park.	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach.	WESTBOUND. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington.
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SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS.

Leave Front and Princess Streets every half hour, from 1:00 to 5:00 P. M
Leave Beach, every half hour, from 2:45 to 5:45 P. M.

* Daily, except Sunday.
‡ Sundays only.
x Superseded by half-hour schedule Sunday afternoons.
‖ This car goes through to Sea Gate; returning, leaes Sea Gate at 3 P. M.

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Leaves 9th and Orange strets daily, except Sunday, 3:30 P. M.
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Safety Razors; handle and one dozen blades, all fixed up in a neat box; only **$1.00**

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Lv. Durham	7:09 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:40 p.m.	2:30 a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
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ALL DRAFTS, checks, express money orders, and postal money orders, for the paper should be made payable, and all communications should be addressed to, THE WILMINGTON STAR CO.

Sunday, December 21, 1913.

Thanks! That's all, right now.

The old year is going fast, and so is the money.

The white hope—snow for the Western wheat crop.

First thing you know somebody will ask, Who put the pug in Spug?

No, the ladies are not yeggs because they are breaking the record in getting what they think is coming to them every Christmas.

The country generally has reason to be glad that the G. O. P. decided to try to reform. It would be good for the country as well as for the party.

All the parties seem to be making progress along lines that are well calculated to bring about a big break in party lines in the not far distant future.

"Free from the doting scruples that fetter our free-born reason, we follow truth where'er she leads the way"—that meanders along the line of least resistance.

It costs only one cent to get a Red Cross seal to put on your Christmas present or your holiday mail. Don't forget to get your seals early and often every day.

Says the Montgomery Times: "That man Donovan needs a cuffing for interferring in Captain Hobson's affairs." Well, if his name is Pat, let George try to give him the cuffing.

All honor to the pioneers who are manufacturing while the balance of us are trying to talk others into establishing industries. Too many of us belong to the Let George Do It Club.

Don't growl, don't whine. The dog that's busy on the trail of something makes a different kind of noise. Tree something instead of doing all the growling and whining while everybody else is busy.

Secretary Bryan will spend Christmas at Asheville. The cordial welcome he will receive there will be an indication of the manner of welcome that he would receive anywhere in North Carolina.

Anatomists say there are 200 bones in the human body. No doubt every one of them is useful, but so far as the shin bone is concerned the spiteful ends of the rockers on the Morris chair ought to be padded to save trouble.

Our idea of a lucky Wilmington merchant is one that has a storeroom and does not have to give it up the first of the year to somebody else who wants to start something, if there were only a storeroom that could be had.

A devotee of fashion inquires of a magazine: "What is the proper dress for Christmas Eve?" Since fig leaves are out of season, it will have to be some kind of modish creation with a slit or two and practically without lines.

Senator Tillman says he gets good effects from drinking a gallon of hot water every day. However, he will never be able to wean off the average South Carolinian from the ida that water right out of the branch is the best for cooling off hot flues.

In one speech Colonel Roosevelt told the South Americans that the Monroe doctrine was dead. In another, he said it is a living principle. The South Americans marvel that the colonel's ideas seem to be conflicting, but they should understand that he is the same old Roosevelt in South America as well as at home where he takes both the affirmative and negative sides without creating the least surprise.

It is not a good idea to call the electorate "the mob," for the electorate is nothing but the people. If the popular vote is that of the mob, it is the "mob" that is to elect United States senators as well as choose representatives, governors, judges, legislators, and all kinds of officials. Has any of us the right to deny any right or privilege to the people when we are only one or a few of the people who are our sovereigners by popular consent?

STATE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

Several southern States have organized State chambers of commerce, and included among them is North Carolina. Georgia, however, seems to have a State chamber that is destined to lead the way in demonstrating the usefulness of such an organization in promoting the interests of the entire State without regard to sections. The State chamber in Georgia has done considerable work, but it seems yet to lack the thorough organization that will really make it of State-wide importance. However, a campaign is now on in that State to interest all the counties in the organization.

The Savannah Morning News says in both Macon and Atlanta campaigns are being waged to raise funds for the State chamber, which is to have its headquarters in Macon instead of Atlanta as heretofore. The removal, it is explained, is in recognition of the rapidly increasing importance of South Georgia and of the necessity of getting in closer touch with that section of the State, the development of which is going forward along so many different lines.

Why the State chamber of commerce? It's purpose is to work along broader lines than the local chambers and promote the interests of a State in a general way. No doubt it also can co-operate to great advantage with local chambers that are already organized and also promote the organization of others in communities that have never organized for promotion work. Anyhow, membership in a State chamber can be extended to all counties and they can have the advantage of the efforts and work of an organized body in whatever is undertaken for various developments.

It should not be overlooked, however, that no body can ever do the effective work for a community that its own organization can do. Yet, it is apparent that if all communities were organized, they could co-operate with a State chamber and complete a chain of promotion work that would generally develop the counties and necessarily promote the interests of the State as a whole.

State chambers cannot take the place of the local bodies and it is well to define their purpose and objects so their usefulness can be emphasized throughout the State. The matter of funds with which to undertake anything is the chief consideration, and if the finances come from one community more than another, it is bound to give it more or less local color. It ought to be State-wide or nothing, since one section of a State would hardly support a body that would work for the development of a section that is doing nothing for itself. Nevertheless, if a State chamber can wake up all communities and set them to work and keep them at it, it will do a good thing for them and the State.

THE ELEMENTS OF PROSPERITY.

Rocky Mount has become one of the largest tobacco markets in North Carolina, and it is one of the most prosperous cities in the State. We have seen it grow from a small railway station into a city full of life, thrift and enterprise, and there is a reason for it. Rocky Mount is a prosperous, growing city because it is surrounded by one of the chief elements of prosperity. We allude to the resource of agriculture, the kind that is diversified probably as it is in no other quarter of the State.

Rocky Mount is prosperous—not because it is a tobacco market, but because it is in a county that grows cotton, tobacco, peanuts, and other money crops that assure general conditions of thrift in the surrounding country. It is not an all cotton country, nor is it an all tobacco country, but all around that growing city there is the kind of agriculture that does not depend upon one crop. There is no slump if any one crop should fail, and that we should say is an ideal situation for a locality that wishes to be steady in its prosperity.

The Rocky Mount Transcript tells us that the tobacco market there at the close of the season is "the biggest and best yet." All records have been broken. Up to the 19th of December the total sales in all four warehouses were 11,750,000 pounds of the golden leaf. The average price has been 20 cents a pound, and during the past four and a half months, $2,300,000 has come into Rocky Mount for tobacco alone. The warehouses, stemmeries and packing houses present a busy scene during the season, for they give employment to many men, women, boys and girls.

It is one agricultural industry which develops other industries that are collateral to tobacco production. There is another thing, for it makes Rocky Mount an exporting point. Leaf tobacco is exported from there to many foreign countries. Even China has been on the market there this season.

With both leaf and manufactured tobacco being exported by the thousands of tons from several centers in North Carolina, why is it that this product of the State is not exported through Wilmington? There are many more North Carolina products that are exported through other ports and certainly they should be concentrated at the port of Wilmington. If we export cotton and naval stores, why not export the 15 or more other articles of export that are produced in this State?

TO MAKE CHUG WAGONS.

Greenville, South Carolina, has sent out the announcement that an automobile factory is to be established there by the Victor Motor Car Company, which was organized in Philadelphia 14 months ago. In other words, the company is to remove to Greenville and capital there is to be interested in the enterprise. The capital stock is to be $100,000 and the factory is to have a capacity of 2,000 automobiles a year. The new factory will be started up in February.

Of course, that's all right. They are going to manufacture automobiles where the raw material is plentiful and right in the South where there is a ready and steady market for the machines. That's a good idea—factory where the raw material is, and market where the factory is. That is one of the reasons why we ought to manufacture a lot of things that we are content to buy abroad.

As we are going to manufacture automobiles in the South, we ought also to make our own push carts, wheelbarrows and other wheeled vehicles, for which we can find a large market at home. This is not going from the sublime to the ridiculous, but it simply is taking advantage of an opportunity to point to the fact that there are opportunities for factories to make everything that is in common use all around us. Certainly, we ought to manufacture automobiles, but the wheelbarrow and push cart business hasn't gone anywhere.

Col. G. W. Goethals, who built the Panama canal, recently received an offer from the city of Dayton, Ohio, to take charge of its municipal affairs at $25,000 per year, but declined for the reason that he wished to see completed the great project with which he has been identified the past half dozen years.

CHANGES IN STAR FAMILY.

Effective tomorrow Mr. Hazel R. Aiken, formerly of the local staff of The Star, becomes city editor of the paper, succeeding Mr. William E. Lawson, who recently resigned to take the position of city editor of the Evening Dispatch, succeeding Mr. Louis T. Moore, who recently left the newspaper field to engage in business for himself.

These changes involve clever and capable young newspaper men that will be of interest to their friends in the city and generally throughout the State. Mr. Lawson has been with The Star as city editor for more than four years and has at all times done splendid and most conscientious work. The regret at the breaking of the "family ties" in his departure to The Star's enterprising afternoon contemporary, is tempered only by the reflection that the change brings back to The Star one of its former clever and efficient young men in the person of Mr. Aiken, who came to the paper first from the Charlotte Observer, about three years ago and did splendid work on the local staff for some time. He is well acquainted with the city and its people, is a gentleman of pleasing address and engaging presence, a splendid newsgatherer and writer, and The Star is sure its local department will be well taken care of in his hands.

LEAVING CANADA.

It seems that the flow of emigration from the United States to Canada's new countries has about reached the limit, and that what seems to be a reaction has set in. During April, May and June of this year 10,000 Americans who sought their fortunes in the Northwest have returned from British Columbia to the United States.

It is said there are now in Canada many Americans who cannot get work and are not able to return to the States. Railways, manufacturers and business establishments in Canada have reduced the number of their employes, and there is not the glowing promise that once attracted so many of good Americans during the rush there for new opportunities.

In the South we simply let them go, but now that they are coming back we ought to try to get some of them.

During the past 12 months the Atlantic Coast Line brought 3,000 settlers to its territory. How many of them came to North Carolina?

A man who lost an election bet is still on the road leading a mule from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He was a fool to make such a bet, but if he doesn't know which end of the mule to monkey with the funeral of a simple guy will take place somewhere on the route.

A contemporary inquires: "If the baby is mother's little lamb, the children are the kids, the grown sister is dad's dear, and mother is old hen, what kind of animal is dad?" Well, if he consents to it he is the goat, but if he is too mean to be the goat he has to put up with being known as an ol bear.

We all make mistakes, but we should strive not to make any mistakes more than once.

CURRENT COMMENT.

There is not the least probability Newbern's tax rate will be increased. In the past the city has been forced to go deeper in debt in order to meet its bills, but conditions now have changed and instead of losing money and getting more and more behind, every department of the city is now on a paying basis and there is not even the faintest possibility that there will be an increase in the tax rate.—Newbern Journal.

Mr. G. W. Montgomery, of Buford township, killed his big hog last Monday and it weighed 727 pounds, net. This is in all probability the largest hog ever killed in the county. Mr. Montgomery kept books on his hog and found that the feed at market price which he fed to it was worth $45. The market price for pork the day the hog was killed was 11 1-2 cents a pound and the hog was therefore worth $83.60. The hog was of Duroc-Jersey breed.—Monroe Enquirer.

We agree with the finely-edited Wilmington Star when it says, the sending of large sums of money out of the State for products that might well be supplied in North Carolina is an unwise practice. As we have said before, there is no reason why a State as well adapted to agriculture as North Carolina should not produce a much larger percentage of the food products it consumes and this will be done when the people of the various counties are brought to a full realization of the importance of the matter. —Oxford Ledger.

The Canadian Parliament has passed an act prohibiting all immigration of skilled or unskilled laborers until March 31st, 1914. Immigration of farmers from this country seems to have been the occasion of the act. Attracted by cheap lands in Canada many Americans went to that country. But they found that farming could be followed only about six months in the year, owing to the intense cold, and they had to resort to work in the factories. This resulted in the overcrowding of the factories and to prevent still further overcrowding Canada was compelled to pass its exclusion act. There is plenty of low-priced land in the south waiting to be cultivated, and the reason so many American farmers have gone to Canada instead of coming to the south has undoubtedly been that Canada has been advertising and the south, relatively speaking, has not. —Raleigh News and Observer.

UNIVERSITIES PARTICIPATE IN BIG SHOOTNG MATCH.

North Carolina A. & M. Represented in Inter-Collegiate Meet.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Thirty-four colleges and universities have entered teams of ten men each to shoot for the inter-collegiate rifle championship to begin here in a few weeks, under supervision of U. S. army officers acting as National Rifle Association judges.

Among the institutions that will participate are:

University of West Virginia, North Georgia Agriculture College, Kansas University, Louisiana State University and Clemson Agriculture College.

ACTUAL CONDITIONS.

Of Banks and Clearing Houses Saturday.

New York, Dec. 20.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $17,439,350 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of $1,459,050 from last week.

Paris, Dec. 20.—"Sam" Langford, the negro heavyweight pugilist, of Boston, was awarded the decision on points over "Joe" Jeannette, of Hoboken, N. Y., at the end of the 20th round of a fast contest held tonight at Luna Park. The fight was considered in France to be for the heavyweight championship o fthe world. Langford forced the fighting throughout. Jeannette took a count of nine three times in the 13th round and at the end of the 20th period was barely able to stand.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 20.—Several cars of the Dixie Limited, passenger train of the Central of Georgia Railroad, Jacksonville to Chicago, early tonight were derailed near here. All the passenger coaches remained on the rails and none of the passengers was hurt. The dropping out of a dray bar on the baggage car and the sudden automatic application of the air brakes is said to have caused the accident.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.—The crippled battleship Vermont arrived at the Norfolk navy yard at 9:30 A. M. today in tow of naval tugs, which stood by her at anchor in Hampton Roads last night. The Vermont, though badly crippled, was in no danger. She will be examined by divers and docked at once at the navy yard for repairs.

Spend your Sunday down the Cape Fear. Steamer Wilmington leaves for Southport and Fort Caswell at 9:30 A. M. Fare round trip, 50c.
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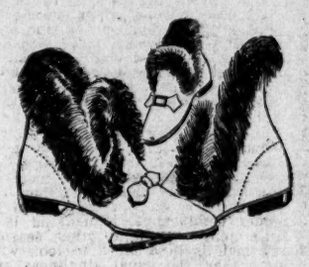

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TARBORO POSTOFFICE.

Center of Interesting Three-cornered Fight Just Now.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—Much interest has been shown here this week in the race for the postmastership of Tarboro. There are three avowed aspirants for the office, Mr. J. W. B. Battle, who was manager of Senator Simmons' campaign in this county, and Messrs. W. D. Leggett and F. L. Dancy, both Kitchin men.

The race took on new life with the trip of Mr. H. L. Staton and Mr. Marshall Staton to Washington in the interest of Mr. Dancy, who recently circulated a petition among the patrons of the office. It has been rumored here the appointment will be made in January and all the candidates have their fighting clothes on, preparing for a hot battle. This office pays $2,400 per year.

MORE CHANGES.

As a Result of the Death of Captain Chapin.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Captain Jas. H. Glennon, recently ordered to command the battleship Florida, will take the Wyoming to succeed Captain Frederick L. Chapin, who died yesterday. Captain William R. Rush, who has been ordered to the North Dakota, takes the Florida. Captain Charles P. Plunkett, commanding the South Dakota, which will go into reserve December 31st, takes the North Dakota.

"Captain Chapin was more than a skilled naval officer," said Secretary Daniels today. "He was a diplomat of experience and demonstrated ability and had served as naval attache in Europe with usefulness to his country."

Washington, Dec. 20.—It was officially announced today that President Wilson's vacation would be spent at Pass Christian. It was said he hoped to leave for these Tuesday night. He expects to sign the currency bill Monday.

Spend your Sunday down the Cape Fear. Steamer Wilmington leaves for Southport and Fort Caswell at 9:30 A. M., Fare, round trip, 50c.
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NO ACCIDENT IN FIVE YEARS.

Enviable Record of Washington & Vandemere Railroad.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, N. C., Dec. 20.—One North Carolina railroad has been in operation five years without an accident. This is the record of the Washington & Vandemere, a subsidiary of the Atlantic Coast Line, and operating in Beaufort and Pamlico counties. During the half decade that trains have been run over its 41 miles of track not a single mishap due to the carelessness of employes has been reported, and the road's record is considered rather remarkable by railroad men.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Alfred DeOro, of New York, champion three cushion billiard player, today accepted the challenge of Charles Moran, of Chicago, for a match here January 5th, 6th and 7th.

NEW TREATMENT FOR HAY FEVER ASTHMA, CATARRH AND HEAD COLDS

Vick's Vap-O-Rub Croup and Pneumonia Salve Relieves by Inhalation and Absorption. No Dosing.

When Vick's "Vap-O-Rub" Croup and Pneumonia Salve is applied externally, the body warmth releases vapors of Pine Tar, Camphor, Thymol, Menthol and Eucalyptol. These vapors are inhaled direct to the lungs and air passages where internal medicines cannot go. They loosen the phlegm, open the air passages and stimulate the mucous membrane to throw off the disease germs. For Catarrh and head colds melt a little in a spoon and inhale the vapors, also apply well up the nostrils. For asthma and hay fever follow the instructions given above and also rub Vick's well over the spinal column, thus relaxing the nervous tension. Vick's is not a "cure" for these diseases, but it has at least the merit of containing no harmful habit forming drugs, and it is sold by all druggists on thirty days' trial. If it fails to relieve in your case the purchase price will be immediately refunded.

For sore throat, tonsilitis, deep colds, and bronchial troubles, apply hot wet towels over the chest and throat to open the pores of the skin. Then rub Vick's well in and cover with a warm flannel cloth. The next morning the phlegm is loosened, head is clear and in addition the absorption of Vick's through the skin has taken out that tightness and soreness. At all dealers—25c, 50c and $1.00.

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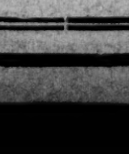

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For each twenty-five words or less for each time you wish the ad to run, and one cent for each word in addition to twenty-five. We find the finders of values and the losers too. We find servants for homes, clerks and managers for offices and offices for clerks and managers; tenants for rooms and houses and rooms and houses for tenants; a purchaser for that piece of real estate and real estate for that purchaser.

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"ONE"

RUSH NOW ON IN EARNEST

Yesterday Saw Biggest Business of the Holiday Season and Only Three Shopping Days Now Remain.

Yesterday ushered in the real holiday rush, and from early morning until late last night the downtown business district was jammed with a hurrying, bustling mass of holiday shoppers. The human tide, at times during the day, flowed into Front street until it seemed as if all the population of the city was there, until one took a look at the other business streets and saw that they, too, presented the same scenes of animated activity.

Into the doors of the business houses and stores the tide of humanity poured in a steady stream, breaking into minor currents as the individuals besieged the counters and were waited upon, and then ebbed back into the busy streets again. And tired merchants and weary clerks and shop girls strained every nerve to the breaking point and breathed a silent prayer for time as they strove to keep their heads and to serve the never diminishing crowds of impatient purchasers.

Good Nature Prevails.

But with it all, the spirit of good nature prevailed, for it is Christmas time, and everyone expects more or less confusion. And, too, when the Yuletide is so close at hand, with its tender significance, humankind is a little gentler than at other seasons and man is in a mood to look with more than the usual kindliness and sympathy upon his brother man.

Yes, the spirit of Christmas was in the air, and you could see it reflected in the faces on the crowded streets, from the counterfeit smile of tolerant amusement with which the elderly man who likes to be called a skeptic, but who at heart feels the influences of the season as much as any one, strives to hide his genuine self, to the awe-struck wonder of the little tot standing in front of the wonderful displays in the decorated windows and giving himself up absolutely to the wonderful sensations which only his child's soul can know and fully appreciate.

"Home for Christmas."

Yesterday also saw the beginning of the exodus of those who live away from here, and who are so fortunate as to be able to go home for the reunion that renders Christmas so sacredly sweet to many a family circle that is complete only on that glad day. Every train now is crowded with those returning to their loved ones, and the joy of the homecoming is plainly written on their faces.

And the passenger traffic is not the only thing that is serving to delay the trains these days, for the mail and express services are literally swamped with Christmas packages. Through the medium of the parcels post, available for the purpose for the first time this year, thousands of holiday boxes and parcels are being transported to their destination. In the local office the rush has already set in, but with the arrangements that have been made for handling it, Postmaster Green and his assistants are not experiencing a great deal of difficulty in getting things out on time.

The express office, too, is a scene of wonderful activity, and even with the augmented clerical and delivery forces, it has all it can do to keep the Christmas business moving, and avoid a congestion that would be disastrous.

While the brunt of the shopping has been done, that which still remains will probably render the three remaining shopping days the hardest yet on the merchants and their clerks. They look for the biggest business of the season Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and they will breathe a sigh of thankfulness when they are able to close their doors upon the last of the shoppers in the wee sma' hours of Christmas eve.

FUNERAL OF MRS. VINES.

Impressive Funeral Service Conducted Yesterday from Family Home.

A large number of friends gathered yesterday at the home, No. 520 South Fifth street, to pay a last sad mark of respect and esteem to Mrs. Thomas L. Vines, whose sad death occurred on Thursday. The services were held at 10 A. M., and were by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. church. The funeral hymns were rendered by a special choir and were very pretty indeed. Many beautiful floral tributes attested the love and esteem in which Mrs. Vines was held by many friends in Wilmington and elsewhere.

The interment was in Oakdale cemetery, the pall-bearers having been: Honorary: Capt. James S. Williams, Messrs. Wm. H. Sprunt, Walter Smallbones and B. F. Keith; active, Messrs. J. W. Brooks, J. Mercer Taylor, J. O. Brock, N. D. Edwards, W. H. Schaefer and L. W. Moore.

TOY PISTOLS TABOOED.

Police Will See That Youngsters Don't Shoot Them on Streets.

The youngsters who have been having such great fun shooting toy pistols on the streets during the Christmas holidays must keep them at home this year as Chief of Police Williams has announced that those seen shooting them in public places will be arrested.

There are so many chances for children to burn themselves or otherwise to hurt themselves with the toys that a North Carolina judge in a decision recently held that he thought they should come under the class of deadly weapons. After consulting the county solicitor, Chief Williams came to the conclusion that he would be well within his rights to class them as such and has instructed the policemen accordingly.

So the little fellows who are acustomed to make much of a racket with the toy guns should take notice immediately that they cannot indulge in the pleasing sport of shooting them on the streets.

MANIFEST MUCH INTEREST.

Many Citizens Approve Idea of Having Community Christmas Tree.

The proposition for having a community Christmas tree on Christmas eve night has struck a popular chord and yesterday there were many words of praise from the people of the city for those who first conceived the idea. The school children are busily practicing the hymns and carols which will be sung. Mention was made yesterday of some of the firms and individuals who have agreed to assist in making the preparations. In addition to those mentioned it has been stated that Mr. John C. McAllister, superintndent of streets, has very kindly and generously undertaken to get a tree that will be worthy of the occasion. This will be beautifully decorated with incandescent lights and will present a pretty sight.

FUTURE FOR BRUNSWICK

Farmers of Neighboring County Preparing to Engage in Trucking Industry—Organization of Growers' Assn.

That the farmers of Brunswick county are fully alive to the possibilities of their section as a truck producing region, and that next season will see Brunswick figuring handsomely in the production of strawberries, lettuce and other vegetables from the East Carolina trucking belt, is the statement made yesterday by Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, vice president and industrial agent of the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern Railroad.

Mr. Whitehead returned yesterday from Southport, Bolivia and other points along the line, and reports that the farmers of the section are thoroughly aroused on the subject of trucking. At Southport, Mr. Whitehead reports the organization of the Brunswick County Farmers' Association, the members of which are going into the strawberry and vegetable business strong. At Bolivia Friday night he addressed a large gathering of farmers and secured the names of something like 20 or 30 active growers who agreed to put in from one to five acres in strawberries and lettuce each this year, and he is positive that fully as many more will do equally as well before the season is over.

Next Tuesday night, December 30th, a meeting will be held at Bolivia to organize a local truckers association and some time that week or the week following meetings of a similar character will be held at Winnabow, Town Creek, Brunswick and Lanvale for the organization of local truckers associations, and to get the farmers actively interested in strawberry and vegetable growing for the future.

By the close of the next season, Mr. Whitehead expects to have something like two to three hundred live, wide-awake strawberry and vegetable growers at the different stations along the W. B. & S. This would mean thousands of dollars to Brunswick county, as the soil, climate and rainfall in all that section render it an ideal one for trucking.

At many points in the Brunswick territory, the temperature is so favorably affected by the nearness of the gulf stream and its softening influences that the growers give it as their opinion that they will be able to ship strawberries fully a week earlier than Mt. Olive and other points along the W. & W. road, which in itself will be a big item.

The only factor that has held back the development of the trucking industry in Brunswick heretofore has been the lack of a railroad, and now that the W. B. & S. offers the growers a means of marketing their products, it is expected that the next few seasons will witness a marvelous growth of this important industry.

DISAGREEABLE ODORS STOPPED YESTERDAY.

Mr. Thos. H. Hayes Charged With Maintaining a Nuisance.

For a week or more the people of ...mington have been treated to a succession of disagreeable odors which to say the least were not pleasant and to many was positively offensive. The disagreeable odors are alleged to have been due to a cargo of fish-scrap which was being discharged at a dock within the city by Mr. Thos. H. Hayes.

Capt. E. D. Williams, harbor master, received many complaints from the citizens and yesterday he went before Justice Harriss and swore out a warrant for Mr. Hayes' arrest, charging him with maintaining a common nuisance by allowing a vessel or barge to discharge a cargo of offensive matter at a dock within the city in violation of a city ordinance and also in violation of the county sanitary laws.

Constable Davis served the warrant and as soon as Mr. Hayes learned that the warrant had been issued he immediately stopped the unloading of the vessel. Because he was compelled to go out of the city early last night the trial was postponed until Wednesday at noon. He was required to give a bond for $250. Mr. Hayes has already agreed, it was stated last night, that he will not bring other putrid matter into the city. The cargo was brought up the river for the purpose of loading it into freight cars to be taken to fertilizer factories.

One of the port and harbor regulations made by the commissioner of navigation and pilotage provides that no vessel having on board grain, fish scrap, or articles evidently in a state of putrefaction, or offensive shall haul to or lay at any wharf but shall anchor in the middle of the river until the order of the board shall be made known unuer the penalty of $1000 for each and every hour said offense shall continue after notice from the harbor master. Nor shall any vessel discharge offensive bilge water within the limits of the city of Wilmington under a penalty of $50.

Mr. Hayes had been notified by notices sent out by the health department to stop the unloading of the ship as it was alleged to be a nuisance. A health officer, it is stated, notified him yesterday in person, but, according to the officials, he did not stop until the warrant issued by Capt. Wiliams was served.

MYSTERIOUS BULLET FOUND.

Struck Trough in City Stables Coming Apparently from Theatre.

Chief of Police Williams stated yesterday afternoon that a bullet which apparently had come through a door which opens into the stage of the Academy of Music, struck a trough in the city stables, burying itself in the wood. Mr. Robert Hansley, the hostler, found the bullet when he went to place some feed in the trough late yesterday afternoon. He cut it out and found that it was probably a bullet from a 38-calibre pistol.

Since finding the bullet he has been figuring on what would have been the consequences had he been feeding when the bullet was fired. Chief Williams investigated the matter and found a bullet hole through the two-inch door on the north side of the theatre. There was also a bullet hole through the wall of the stables.

Complaint of Obstruction.

Citizens last night complained at The Star office of what they term a wholly unwarranted obstruction of the city's only approach to its hospital and cemetery, reference being to the old building which has been in process of removal for more than a week from Front and Chestnut streets to Ninth and Red Cross. The old building, a two-room affair, has been blockading the street there for the past three days and will likely still remain on the street through today. Citizens who complained could but wonder at the forbearance of the city authorities in thus permitting an effectual blockade of perhaps the most traveled up-town thoroughfare, especially on Sunday.

TWO INTERESTING SERVICES

Memorial Sermon at the First Baptist Church This Morning and a Christmas Cantata in Evening.

There will be two services of especial interest at the First Baptist church today, a memorial service this morning at 11 o'clock and a Christmas Cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," this evening at 7:30. It is expected that both services will be attended by large congregations.

The memorial service this morning is in connection with the completion of the new marble baptistry given by Mr. Jno. R. Hanby, of this city, and his brother, Dr. Josephus D. Hanby, of Texas, as a memorial to their parents. It is said to be one of the handsomest baptistries, and it is an ornament to the handsome church. The subject of the sermon, which will be preached by the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, will be "Memorials," from the text, "What Mean These Stones."

The cantata which will be given at the evening service was given during the holiday season last year, and made such a favorable impression that it is being repeated by request. A large chorus has been practicing under the direction of Miss Cannie Chasten, the organist and director, and their rendition of the superb piece of music is expected to be well nigh perfect.

The following is the programme:

The Shepherds.
Organ—Pastorale.
Tenor Solo.
Chorus.
Bass Solo—Recitative.
Soprano Solo.
Tenor Solo—Recitative.
Chorus.
Bass Solo—Recitative.
Chorus.
Mezzo Soprano Solo—Recitative.
Chorus.
Mezzo Soprano Solo.
Bass Solo—Recitative.
Chorus.
The Magi.
Organ—Marche.
Bass Solo—Recitative.
Male Chorus.
Full Chorus.
Tenor Solo.
Finale.
Adeste Fideles.
Chorus.
Female Chorus.
Full Chorus.

Soprano—Miss Katie Foard, Miss Lila Keith, Miss Carrie White, Miss Lucile Riley.

Tenor—Mr. Chas. L. Schulken, Mr. Ernest Green, Mr. Roger Schulken, Mr. Edgar Child.

Alto—Miss Agnes Chasten, Miss Sallie Smith, Miss Lila Williams, Mrs. C. B. Newcomb.

Bass—Mr. W. B. Muse, Mr. A. S. Holden, Mr. W. H. Alderman, Mr. I. N. Henderson.

Solosists—Miss Katie Foard, Miss Lila Keith, Mr. W. B. Muse, Mr. Chas. L. Schulken.

Miss Cannie Chasten, organist and director.

Rev. Dr. Foster, of the church, will deliver a short address: "The Manger Cradle," especially appropriate to the Christmas tide.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

Freight Claim Department of Coast Line Issues Pretty Folder.

With an attractive cover of marble finish, handsomely done in holly and colors, the freight claim department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., has issued a pretty souvenir folder, conveying Christmas and New Year greetings to their friends and associates of the A. C. L. and connecting lines with whom their relations are more or less intimate.

The book gives a complete roster of the department, headed by Mr. A. H. Shepard, freight claim agent; Mr. V. H. Thomas, secretary; Mr. W. R. Taylor, chief clerk, and Miss L. Burton, stenographer, with the following department organizations:

Loss and Damage Bureau—W. J. Swails, chief; Messrs. E. D. Harvey, W. D. Weathersbee, W. E. Davis, N. T. Maxwell, R. G. Cosby, T. E. Swann, J. A. Salling, O. C. Abrams and W. S. Moore, with Miss L. J. Melvin, stenographer.

Overcharge Bureau—R T. Sinclair, chief; A. M. King, B. A. Maunev, E. B. Moss, F. B. Ausley, J. M. Whitfield, T. J. Wiggins, H. C. Baird, F. M. McCoy, with Miss Kate Murphy, stenographer.

Suspense Bureau—J. H. Westbrook, chief. Overcharge, E. T. Mahone, A. O. Osborne, P. M. Rivenbark, W. J. Mathis, B. M. Jones, R. M. Brown, P. J. Baschon, P. E. Morris, J. D. Schley, R. D. Christian, R. H. Frain. Loss and Damage, G. W. Shepard, C. E. Haskett, S. P. Raines, P. A. Taylor, A. E. Eakins, R. A. Parker, with Mr. L. V. Lacy, stenographer.

Rate Bureau—Wm. Opper, I. N. Sidbury, H. A. Kure, Jr.

Disposition and Wire Trace—H. L. Taylor, C. K. Davis.

Records—L. F. Sollee, J. C. Slocumb, L. C. Muegge, J. A. Jones.

Mail—L. R. Hart, J. Brady.

Files—B. F. Weathersbee, chief; A. M. Blake, Frank Leitgen, G. J. G Palmgren, M. W. Gore, R. G. Holden, E. E. C. Creddle, Harry Newkirk.

Route Agents—J. A. Huske, R. E. F. McCann, J. Brooks Livingston.

FARMER JONES IN TOWN.

Farmer Jones came into the city yesterday on a dual mission of shopping and sight-seeing. He said that he had read so much about the new union station, the new sky-scraper, the good streets and other improvements, that he wanted to see the old city again. He admitted that the improvements since his last visit, two years ago, had been great.

He had enlarged and improved his country home and needed some furniture. He had heard so much of the large furniture store in the Garrell Building, corner Second and Princess streets. He did his buying, was delighted and surprised at the perfectly splendid quality of all the goods. All bright, fresh and new, at such modest prices. He inquired how it could be done. When informed that the store enjoyed unequalled buying facilities, was conducted on the most economical plans, having less per cent running expense than any furniture store in the State. Furthermore, that as a result of economical management, it has been able in the past to invest in bank stocks, bonds, real estate, all earning dividends which goes to reduce the already small operating expenses of the store. By means of these outside economies, the goods sold do not have to have so much added to cost price, as if the store had to make its entire running expenses off its sales.

Farmer Jones said: "I see how it is done. I take my hat off to the Old Reliable Wilmington Furniture Company, and shall advise my country friends to trade with the Wilmington Furniture Co., as a majority of the city people are now doing."

(advertisement.)

Christmas slippers, al kinds, at Peterson & Rulfs. (advertisement.) de 19-21-23

DINNER FOR SLAVES ASSURED

Movement Inaugurated at Instance of Junior Order Meeting With Splendid Success.

That the old slaves of New Hanover county, numbering more than 400, will have a dinner and a general celebration within the next several months, was the announcement made last night by the committee, recently appointed by the three Junior orders of the city to solicit funds for the undertaking. During the past week the gentlemen composing the committee have seen enough of the business and professional men of the city to be assured of the amount necessary.

While the movement to secure the funds was launched upon the initiative of the Juniors of the city, this does not by any means indicate that the Juniors will have exclusive charge of the celebration, for every citizen who wishes to show some small gratitude to the old servants who wrought so nobly during the period of the Civil War is asked to take a part and to aid in making it a great success.

The committee will continue their canvass for funds until Tuesday night, when they will hold a meeting in the office of the chairman for the purpose of making further plans for the undertaking. Enough money has been secured to assure the dinner and a celebration, but a small amount is still needed in order to have enough to pay all expenses. Those who have not contributed and desire to give something are asked to leave it at the People's Savings Bank which has been made the repository for the money. They can also see some member of the committee, if they prefer.

The members of the committee having charge of the securing of funds are Woodus Kellum, Esq., chairman; J. A. McNorton, Esq., secretary; Messrs. W. M. Cumming, W. A. McGirt, J. Love Davis, W. R. Bradshaw, A. P. Russ, William Register, W. E. Yopp, B. F. Keith, George Harriss and Marsden Bellamy, Esq. These gentlemen were appointed only for the purpose of effecting an organization.

The exact nature of the celebration has not yet been decided upon but it will probably be a barbecue which will be served out of doors if the weather permits and if it should be raining it will be given in one of the local colored churches.

REPORT OF PROF. PHELPS IS NOT YET COMPLETED.

Letter from Dr. Rupert Blue to Mayor Moore Received.

For some time the public that is interested in the water supply of Wilmington has been anxiously awaiting the report of Professor Phelps, chemist of the United States hygienic laboratory, who was recently in Wilmington for the purpose of examining the water supply of the city. Professor Phelps was sent here by Dr. Rupert Blue, surgeon general of the bureau of the public health service, upon the invitation of Mayor Moore.

Mayor Moore recently wrote Dr. Blue with reference to the report which Professor Phelps will make and in reply received the following reply, which will be of interest:

"Treasury Department, Bureau of the Public Health Service, Washington, D. C., December 17th, 1913.

"Mr. Parker Quince Moore, Mayor, Wilmington, N. C.

"Sir: Your letter of the 15th instant has been received and I desire to express my gratification that Professor Phelps' services in examining the water supply of your city have been found useful and are appreciated by the people of Wilmington. I shall take pleasure in sending you a copy of his report as soon as it is received.

"Respectfully,
"RUPERT BLUE,
"Surgeon General."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Filed for Record in Office of Register of Deeds Yesterday.

The following deeds were filed for record in the office of the register of deeds yesterday:

Wm. Struthers, Jr., and wife to W. M. Collins and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot on Market, 44 feet west of 20th street, 44x113 feet in size.

Carlotta Muegge to Southeastern Realty Company, for $1,000 a half interest in lot on Sixth street, 239 feet north of Castle street, 66x93 feet in size.

Fidelity Trust & Development Co., to Bettie Holloway, for $125 and other considerations, lot No. 18 in Oakside Park, 50x200 feet in size.

B. F. Wilson, Jr., to B. M. Wilson, for $100 and other considerations, lot on Sixth street, 132 feet south of Wooster, 66x165 feet in size.

W. M. Collins and wife to L. W. Moore and Wm. Struthers, Jr., for $1,000 and other considerations, lot on Ninth street, 132 feet south of Dock, 33x95 feet in size.

SMALL BLAZE YESTERDAY.

Oil Stove Starts Fire in Home of Capt. C. R. Branch on Market Street.

Fire supposed to have been caused by an oil stove which was burning in one of the rear upstairs rooms yesterday did considerable damage to the residence at No. 1610 Market street, occupied by Capt. C. R. Branch and Mr. A. M. Carpenter. The loss will amount to about $1,000, partially covered by insurance.

As soon as the fire was discovered the fire department was notified by telephone and the firemen responded promptly. The blaze was quickly extinguished upon the arrival of the firemen and the greatest damage was probably from the smoke and water.

The only fire in the house was an oil stove burning. This may have exploded, though this is not known, as the flames had almost filled the room when discovered.

Will Resign His Church.

Elder E. E. Aubrey, pastor of the Fourth Street Advent Christian church, has announced his intention of resigning his charge, much to the regret of the members of the congregation. He has made the church an able and efficient leader and its members deeply regret that circumstances make it necessary for him to leave them. Mr. Aubrey asks that all members attend the services this morning, when he will explain the circumstances causing him to resign.

CARD OF THANKS.

To those who were so kind to us in our recent very deep bereavement, I wish to take this method of publicly thanking one and all, assuring them that their kindness will long be remembered and never be forgotten.

THOS. L. VINES.

A most suitable Christmas present—a pair of gold spectacles or eye glasses fitted by Dr. Vineberg, the Eye Specialist, Masonic Temple. Eyes tested free. (advertisement.)

The Best

Christmas Present

For your Little Boy or Girl is a Bank Book from the Peoples Savings Bank. You may start the account for the little one with $1.00 or more, and we will be glad to send out the book, so as to reach the child on Christmas morning.

——OLD AND STRONG——

The PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

On the Corner of Front and Princess Streets

$20.00 $10.00

XMAS MONEY

NEW GOLD—NEW SILVER—NEW CURRENCY.

Following our usual custom, we have secured an ample supply of New Gold Coins, from which we will be glad to supply the needs of our friends and customers.

At all times, crisp, new currency is paid to our large number of lady customers. During the Holidays this feature will be observed at all windows, to all patrons.

A limited supply of the new 1913 coinage of silver on hand.

A pleasure, always, to serve you.

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO.
Oldest Bank in Wilmington.
Largest Savings Bank in North Carolina.

$5.00 $2.50

MORE BOOKS ARE NEEDED IN SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

Mr. John J. Blair Issues An Appeal to Public on Behalf of Children.

In a statement given to the press yesterday afternoon, Mr. John J. Blair, city superintendent of schools, calls attention to the vital need for more books in the libraries of the public schools, and issues an appeal that seems to offer a practical method of supplying this need. His suggestions are splendid ones, and it is most likely that they will result in accomplishing the desired end.

Mr. Blair's statement follows:

"In accordance with a suggestion made by a philanthropic citizen of the town I take this method of making an appeal to the public on behalf of the children of the city in the interest of their school librarys.

"1. There are doubtless many families in town who have on hand an accumulation of books for which they have not library space and for which they have no especial need.

"2. There are others probably who would be glad to make a donation of books to either one of the schools of the city.

"3. If any person desires to give a donation of books, by telephoning to either one of the schools, boys will be sent to receive them and see that they are properly delivered.

"4. All books received will be duly catalogued and numbered and placed on the shelves for immediate use.

"5. The demand for books now far exceeds the supply, and there is at present no available fund for supplying the need.

"6. The high school is greatly in need of more books of reference and books which can be used in connection with literature, history, science, etc.

"7. Through the medium of the school libraries the children are taught to use reference books properly, and are trained to use the public library as soon as they reach the required age.

"8. Proper acknowledgement will be made for all books thus donated, and a record kept by the school authorities of such gifts.

"9. The children will be glad to have additional books to read during the Christmas holidays.

"JOHN J. BLAIR,
"Superintendent."

T. P. A. BANQUET.

To be Held at Winston-Salem Day After Christmas.

The Star has received an invitation from Post B, North Carolina division, Travelers' Protective Association of America, to be present at their 13th annual informal banquet on Friday evening, December 29th, 1913, at 9 o'clock, at Hotel Zinzendorf, Winston-Salem, N. C. The banquet committee is composed of Messrs. D. C. Crutchfield, chairman; Frank J. McNeive and N. R. Oliver.

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

"The Store That's Always Busy"

Christmas Shopping

—IS—

"On The Double Quick"

Hundreds and Hundreds of Shoppers Are Coming To Polvogt's.

This store will be open evenings this week to help late shoppers. This means more shopping time than usual

SHOP EARLY

In the Day, IN THE MORNING, IF POSSIBLE. SERVICE is the Slogan of the POLVOGT Store for this great Christmas season, as it has been POLVOGT'S Slogan heretofore. The aim of this store—otherwise called by our customers the store with the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, is to make your gift selecting comfortable and conv enient, as well as RESULTFUL.

REAP THE BENEFIT

Of Best Service and Straightened Stocks by Shopping in the Early Hours of the Morning—we should suggest between 8 AND 12 A. M.—thus avoiding the crowds and making your selections leisurely.

Thanking you in Advance,

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

WILMINGTON'S SHOPPING CENTER

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of Chapel Hill, is here spending the holidays with his parents.

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Capt. S. V. Bunting has returned to Orlando, Fla., after a most delightful visit to this city, his old home.

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Miss Margaret Garvey arrived yesterday from Meredith College to spend the Christmas holidays with her relatives.

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Mrs. L. P. Furness, of Phoebus, Va., is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. V. McKenzie, No. 304 Dock street.

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Miss Lizzie Branch returned home last night to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Branch.

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Miss Catherine Wessell has returned home from Converse College at Spartanburg, S. C., and will spend the holidays at home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowry, of Philadelphia, Pa., arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stein.

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Miss Katherine Manning and Elizabeth Pemberton have returned from Fassifern School at Lincolnton, to spend the holidays at home.

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Mrs. T. A. Wortham and children left yesterday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Wortham's sister, Mrs. H. C. Bentley, of Richmond, Va.

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Mr. John Perdew, a student at the University, arrived home last night to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Perdew, No. 718 Market street.

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Miss Lila Pratt, a student at the Southern Presbyterian College, Red Springs, is at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pratt.

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Mr. V. C. Hall, a popular young Wilmingtonian, is at home from Davidson College to spend the holidays at the home of his father, Mr. Virginius Hall, in this city.

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Miss Florence Potter, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. L. D. Potter, of No. 5 Church street, has returned from the Greensboro College for Women to spend the holidays in the city with her parents.

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Miss Catherine B. VonGlahn has gone to Clarksville, Tenn., to attend the VonGlahn-Anderson wedding which takes place there December 23rd. She will spend the holidays there.

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The many friends of Mr. Francis H. McCulloch, secretary and treasurer of the Carolina Metal Products Co., will be sorry to learn that he was called to his home at Beaver, Pa., yesterday by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his sister.

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Mr. W. E. Wine, formerly of this city but now president of the Wine Appliance Company, of Toledo, Ohio, arrived last night to spend the holidays in the city with his family. Mr. Wine has many friends here who will be glad to greet him.

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Wilmington friends of Mr. R. W. Vincent, formerly of this city, for a number of years managing editor of the Charlotte Observer, and lately with the Richmond Virginian, will regret to learn that he is desperately ill at his home in Richmond, following a serious operation. They will hope for him an early restoration to health.

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Bolton, N. C., Dec. 20.—Wedding cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Mr. E. S. Barbour, of Bolton, and Miss Ethel Louise Henderson, of Hubert, N. C., January 31st, 1913, which event will take place at the bride's home in Onslow county. These young people will receive the best wishes and congratulations of a host of friends.

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Mrs. Julius Sternberger was hostess at a bridge whist party yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Ann Blumenthal, of Philadelphia. The first prize was won by Miss Hortense Attinger and the consolation by Miss Helena Haxman. The guest prize was presented to Mrs. Blumenthal. A delightful hour-course luncheon was served, the color scheme being pink. Souvenirs of artificial fruit were presented to the guests.

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The sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals by the Wilmington Society of the National Red Cross during the past week through the young ladies in the postoffice amounted to 6,783, which is considered very creditable indeed, considering that the sale did not begin until Tuesday. Yesterday the number sold was 828 and the young ladies in charge were Miss Eva Parmele and Miss Mary Post. The chaperones were Mrs. Jos. H. Watters and Mrs. W. B. Cooper. The sale in the postoffice will continue until after the holidays and the young ladies will be present at all times to fill the wishes of patrons for any number of the pretty little designs.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, was held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the W. L. I. armory with a large attendance of the members. After the regular monthly routine business had been transacted Mr. W. M. Creasy, who represented the chapter at the annual convention of the U. D. C., recently held in New Orleans, made an exhaustive and interesting report of the convention which was full of valuable information. Preparations for the annual celebration of Lee's birthday were also taken up and discussed. Committees will be appointed later to undertake the various features of the observance of the day, which is January 19th.

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MISS EMMA BOWDEN WINNER IN RED X. BANGLE CONTEST.

It was announced yesterday that Miss Emma Bowden is the winner of the $5 in gold, offered as a prize in the Red Cross Bangle Contest for the sale of the Christmas seals in the public schools of the city. In this connection Miss Helen Dunn Creasy is entitled to honorable mention, she having sold about 2,500 to 3,175 by the winner. The school children led by their principals and Supt. Blair, took a most commendable interest in the contest and are deserving of the highest praise. There were sold in all 19,789 seals, of which number 10,692 were sold by the pupils of grand old Union school; 4,631 by Hemenway and 776 by the High school students. The contest was a success in every particular.

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DELIGHTFUL MUSICAL NEXT FRIDAY EVENING.

The ladies of the Linen Auxiliary of the James Walker Memorial Hospital will give a delightful entertainment in the Memorial hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, for the benefit of the hospital, Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Besides the local talent which is here all the time and is of a high order, the ladies will be able to have several students from schools of elocution in other cities who will be home for the holidays. While primarily a musical, including both instrumental and vocal selections, there will be a number of readings. There are several quartettes in the city who have kindly consented to sing and this will add much to the pleasure of the evening. The musical will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock, and the admission price will be 25 cents.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Elder J. P. Via, of Virginia, will preach at the Primitive Baptist church this morning at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Master James Craig, son of Mr. J. F. Craig, has returned from Naples Agricultural and Normal School, Fletcher, N. C., to spend the holidays.

Mr. John C. Freimuth arrived home last night from Collegiate Institute, Mt. Pleasant, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Freimuth, No. 120 North Ninth street.

—The police arrested a number of boys and young men last night on charges of shooting firecrackers and toy pistols. The defendants were recognized for their appearance before the recorder.

—Mr. C. B. Bellois had on display at his place of business yesterday an attractive line of Christmas trees and holiday decorations, one of the first real signs of Christmas to make its appearance.

There will be either a meeting or a conference of the City Council Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the city hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to get things into shape for the approaching New Year.

—The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the register of deeds: Mr. Nathan C. Lewis, of Pamlico county, to Miss Ada Craig, of this city; Mr. Carl B. Marshburn, of this city, to Miss Dora Sandlin, also of this city.

AUTO LICENSE LAW.

Local Dealer Figures in Howl That Goes Up From Raleigh.

The State law requiring automobile dealers to pay a license fee of $500 for each make of car handled is in the limelight again, the howl going up this time from Raleigh, where the dealers of that city are raising a kick because agents from other cities come there and sell machines without even having a lictnse to do business in the State.

According to a story appearing in yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer, the practice is quite common, and until recently no effort has been made on the part of the officials to break it up. The matter came before the public a few days ago, when Mr. W. D. MacMillan, a prominent automobile dealer in this city, was arrested in Raleigh for driving a car without a license tag, and the Raleigh dealers seized tht opportunity to give their grievance publicity.

The following from the News and Observer's article will be of interest here:

"This matter was brought to the attention of the public a few days ago when Mr. W. D. MacMillan, of Wilmington, was arrested in Raleigh for running a Packard car over the streets of the city without displaying a license tag. Local dealers say that after Mr. MacMillan had been taken into custody by the local police it developed that he was a dealer in automobiles in Wilmington, being one of the State agents for the Packard car, and at the time doing his State business without a license such as is required by the law. The statutes of North Carolina provide that every dealer who has the State agency for any automobile shall pay a license fee of $500. If he is State agent for more than one manufacturer of automobiles he must likewise pay the separate fee for each car represented by him and must deposit the required $500 for each and every make that he represents.

"This the Wilmington agent, it is alleged, is not doing. Instead of that he is in Raleigh, supposedly for the purpose of selling his machine, and without the license. Raleigh dealers who are State agents, claim to have protested against this a number of times, but say nothing has been done to end the violations of the statutes."

MR. L. A. PECK MANAGER.

Will Direct New Victoria Theatre When it Opens.

Mr. L. A. Peck, of Baltimore, has been selected as manager of the Victoria Theatre which will open about the first of the year at the corner of Market and Second streets. Mr. Peck was for many years with James L. Kernan, who recently died after a long and successful career as the owner of a number of vaudeville houses in Baltimore and elsewhere. With the splendid training he has received, Mr. Peck is especially well equipped to take charge of the local playhouse.

He has already arrived and is now managing the Grand Theatre. He will probably continue to look after the affairs of this popular picture show in connection with his other duties after the Victoria opens.

The finishing touches on the handsome building which is being erected by Mr. J. M. Solky are now being made. The total cost of the building will be about $60,000. Only the most modern fixtures will be installed and it will be a strictly modern playhouse, having been erected solely for this purpose.

The new theatre will have the well known vaudeville attractions of the circuit controlled by Keith, the noted vaudeville manager of New York city. There will be changes twice each week and a pleasing variety of the latest successes in the vaudeville line will be assured from the start. The opening will not take place until after the New Year.

HIGHWAYMAN BEHIND BARS.

Plucky Citizen Captured Negro Charged With Robbtry.

Joe Hosley, colored, is being held by the police on a charge of highway robbery, having been arrested last night by Sergeant H. H. Howell, after he had been captured by Mr. B. G. Graves.

The charge against the negro was made by Chas. Johnson, white, who is employed on government dredge No. 9, on the river here. Johnson informed the police that he, with a companion, was held up by Hosley and two other negroes at Sixth and Red Cross streets, about 10:30 last night, and that he was relieved of $32 and a watch and chain. When the negroes left the two men after holding them up, Johnson and his companion gave the alarm and Mr. B. G. Graves, who was nearby, joined them and succeeded in running Hosley down. No money or jewelry was found on the negro. The other two negroes succeeded in making their get-away. Johnson is positive that Hosley is one of the negroes who held him up.

Steamer Wilmington will make her usual Sunday trip to Southport and Fort Caswell Sunday. Leaves at 9:30 A. M. Fare, round trip, 50c.

Gen. Julian S. Carr, soldier and eminent North Carolinian, who is prominently spoken of as a candidate for the next gubernatorial nomination in this State.

..Theatrical..

During the first part of the present week, considered off nights by the theatrical "profesh," due to the Christmas rush, the Academy of Music will remain dark. However, the latter part, starting in a blaze of glory on Christmas Day, and with a special matinee, the Academy will offer a refined vaudeville jubilee, one that will immensely please all.

This offering will be especially pleasing, as vaudeville is the popular thing these days, and as the Academy has contracted for some of the best acts for these days, in order to add to Wilmington's festive Christmas celebration. Although the bill will be a costly one, popular prices will prevail. In addition to the great vaudeville acts there will be two reels of the very latest standard pictures. The vaudeville bill will consist of all well known acts. There will be Hunter and Reeves, one of the best of all talking and singing teams; Ethel Green, the noted soubrette, who is making as big hit in the south as she scored in the north; Leavitt and Lawler, decidedly clever entertainers and who who will this week make their first appearance in the southland; McNamee, the big novelty star, appearing in something new and catchy, and Les Chemroys, athletes, an act that has just come over from Europe.

The Academy management states that when it used the phrase "Keith Vaudeville" in its theatrical announcement yesterday that it did not intend to convey to the minds of the people that it was vaudeville booked by the B. F. Keith Vaudeville Agency, nor that the acts would come to Wilmington from what is known as the Keith Circuit, but it meant to claim high-class, advanced vaudeville.

At the Grand Theatre.

Keeping step with the times, alive to the requirements of the moment and with an eye single for what is best and biggest for the amusement-lovers of Wilmington, the Grand will tomorrow open its Christmas week in swell manner. A superb show will be presented and will be followed each day by a rattling holiday bill. It will be a week, too, featured by what is greatest. For instance, mid-week, Wednesday, the Grand will offer James O'Neill himself in his noted production of "Monte Cristo." It is a mammoth presentation, consisting of five reels, and was only obtained at big extra cost. Christmas day the Grand will have a programme that will precisely fit into the jollity and greatness of the event.

Heading the bill tomorrow will be the very latest Vitagraph, "The Whimsical Threads of Destiny." It is a story of mystery, as well as of gripping dramatic force. The film, "Movin' Pictures," which is another topliner tomorrow, will greatly interest you. Besides showing all the makings of the movies, a swell comedy story is unfolded. There is still another superb clown picture on tomorrow in Lubin's "Two Fathers."

Christmas at Bijou.

It is Christmas time at the Bijou. In spirit, in appearance and in the gala nature of its big shows the yuletile is on at this popular theatre. For this, Christmas week, a phenomenal list of superb things has been prepared and will glitter like a 10-karat diamond in a rich gold setting. The Bijou has decorated for the Christmas season and has planned many happy surprises for its hundreds of patrons, who include all of the returned collegians, visitors to the city and people from out of town here shopping, because the Bijou appeals to all. It is known as the place of pure delight, the home of solid comfort and the theatre of bigness—save the price, which will remain this week, as ever, 5 cents. Though this is the holiday week and the shows to be presented will be stupendous and costly, the Bijou will not raise the price of admission. The week will bristle with feature films, including all the very latest Warner features, but the same tiny price of admission will hold forth for both afternoon and night.

The Bijou will tomorrow inaugurate Christmas week in most glorious and festive manner, and will offer as the topliner of its swell bill the latest Warner feature, "In the Toils of An Adventuress." It is in three big parts and is a startling, thrilling tale of love and intrigue, but while hair-raising, on account of its intense plot and brilliant spectacular scenes, it is at all times most wholesome.

Another one of tomorrow's great star films will be "The Flirt," which is dainty in comedy and splendid in the dramatic. The music at the Bijou tomorrow will be something exceptional.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR.

Salvation Army to Provide Baskets, Dinner and Tree.

The arrangements of the local post of the Salvation Army for providing Christmas baskets for needy families, and a Christmas tree for the poor children of the city, are rapidly being completed, and Adjutant Mataxas will endeavor to see that no worthy person or family in need will be overlooked.

In addition to the plans for distributing the baskets and providing a tree for the children, the Salvation Army will also provide a dinner for those who are here away from their homes, living in boarding houses where no Christmas dinner will be served. Plates for 200 will be provided.

Adjutant Mataxas appeals to all people of the city who are interested in helping to make the day a bright one for those in less favorable circumstances, to let him know if they desire to contribute money, clothes, food, fuel, etc. It will be gladly received and will be used in a cause that is indeed a worthy one.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Marine Engineers Beneficial Association Elect Last Night.

At the annual election of officers for the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association which was held last night, the following were elected:

President—J. W. Copeland.
First Vice President—C. S. Dunn.
Second Vice President—James Jacobs.
Recording Secretary—W. A. Furlong.
Corresponding Secretary—C. L. McIntire.
Financial Secretary—L. H. Hawkins.
Treasurer—J. J. Bell.
Trustees—C. L. McIntire, R. L. Ward and E. L. Elfrick.

Mr. W. A. Furlong was elected to represent the association at the 36th annual convention to be held in Washington, D. C., January 19th, 1914. The Wilmington association is in fine condition both as to membership and in a financial way. All the members are employed and they are looking forward to a most prosperous year.

CALL IN MARINES.

Just Enough Left to Do Police Duty is Required.

Washington, Dec. 20.—To carry out plans announced for concentration of marines at important centers in continental United States, Secretary Daniels soon will order home all marines in the insular possessions, Guantanamo, Cuba, and Panama, except such small details as are needed for police duty.

The marine brigade in the Philippines will be reduced from 900 to 150 men. Details at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Panama and Guantanamo will be reduced to 105 men at each station. The legation guard at Peking will be reduced if conditions become more stable.

"These changes," said Secretary Daniels today, "are made in order that men may be available for the establishment of advance base stations where large bodies of marines will be concentrated and kept ready for instant service whenever required."

One of the advanced bases may be on the Pacific coast, another may be at Pensacola, Fla., where 850 marines already are established and another probably will be at Philadelphia as at present.

No change will be made in the detail of the marines to the battleships.

FIERCE CONFLAGRATION.

Fire Does Much Damage in English Town.

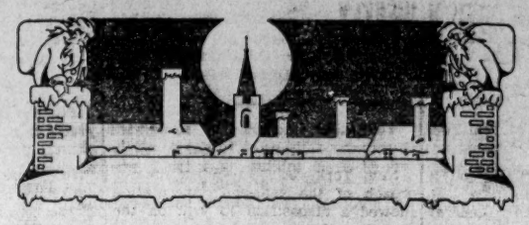
Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 20.—A fierce fire restricted to a limited area of the dock yard here was still raging at a late hour tonight and taxing to the utmost all the resources of the port to cope with it.

The conflagration started in a sail loft alongside the south railway jetty and spread to a huge semaphore tower used for signalling warships and to adjacent buildings. All the warships in the harbor sent fire parties to the dock yards and the fire appliances of the marine and military barracks were requisitioned, as well as the port's entire fire fighting force.

When the fire was at its height, flames, fed by the stores of lubricating oil, shot 100 feet into the air, illuminating the harbor.

Photographs of historic headgear worn by women in the days of Joan of Arc fully explain why the ordinarily brave English fled in dismay.

Steamer Wilmington will make her usual Sunday trip to Southport and Fort Caswell Sunday. Leaves at 9:30 A. M. Fare, round trip, 50c.
(advertisement.)



And The Tide Has Turned

Just a week ago today we spoke to you about the arrival of the latest fine Holiday Productions. These wares are proving acceptable to our patrons, and from Monday on till Christmas Day a golden stream of gifts will flow from the store to destinations near and far away.

Each article shall be packed with care; a real Christmas Box, and each delivery shall be made as it it were the only piece sent out from our busy shop. Correct in Style and glistening with the polish which bespeaks newness, the following articles are submitted for consideration:

Rings, Brooches,
Pendants, Pins,
Watches, Chains,
Vanity Bags,
Jewel Cases,
Frames, Dressing Sets,
Candlesticks,
Basketry,
Etched Glass,
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Tie Pins, Waldemors
Gold Knives, Crest Rings,
Cuff Links,
Pocket Conveniences,
Desk Accessories,
Militaries, Whisks,
Reading Lamps,
Folding Cups,
Book Holders,
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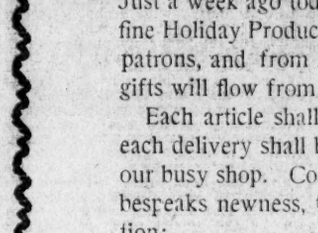


I'm a dear little cross,
Tho' sold for a penny,
I'm bought with the love,
Of the goodly many.
I'm a glorious crimson,
My weight is in gold,
I'm here and there,
And everywhere sold.

Children are among the most eager buyers of Red Cross seals, and many a little boy or girl sets a real example of generous giving to the "grown-ups." For illustration, a teacher in a Massachusetts school tells of one small, shabby girl who brought in a penny for a seal, and the next day purchased another. She then looked up into the teacher's face with great satisfaction and asked, naively: "There! How many people do you think that will cure?"

An urchin in another school, after hearing the teacher explain about the Christmas seals and how all the money raised by the sale of them will go toward fighting off the white plague, came to his teacher's desk the next morning and bought a stamp. Then he lingered, and the teacher inquired what he wanted to ask her.

"Will that really go to give medicine for sick people and help cure 'em?" he inquired.

"It will help," was the answer.

"Gee, but isn't that fine!" he exclaimed, his face shining.

NEW PIANO AT BIJOU.

Full Orchestra Accompaniment All Operated by Electricity.

The Bijou theatre installed their new electrical piano yesterday, and it is quite a curiosity to the average visitor to the show. It is one of the finest in the South, and is ten feet in height, seven feet wide, and six feet deep. The total cost was over $3,500.

The piano carries a full ten-piece orchestra, the entire outfit being electrically operated, and the music produced will compare very favorably with the best ten or 12-piece orchestras.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

Through its attorneys, Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, of Lumberton, N. C., there was filed in the office of the United States court, this city, yesterday, a petition in voluntary bankruptcy by the St. Paul's Mercantile Co., of St. Paul's, Robeson county. The petition will be referred to Geo. H. Howell, Esq., referee for this district, who will later adjudicate and call for the first meeting of creditors.

New York, Dec. 20.—Members of the [illegible] League will help the State Health Department to enforce the new cold storage regulations by acting as volunteer inspectors. The department today accepted their services because it was said, the law failed to provide sufficient inspectors [illegible] will serve without compensation.

Chicago, December 20.—Judge Benjamin B. Lindsey, founder of the Juvenile court at Denver, Colo., and Miss Henrietta Brevoort, stepdaughter of Dr. F. J. Clippert, of Detroit, Mich., were married here tonight.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Prof. Washington Catlett is out again, after his recent illness.

—Mr. Jackson Johnson, of Winnabow, Brunswick county, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. W. G. Monroe, who has been at Chapel Hill during the last four months as a student at the University of North Carolina, is spending the holidays with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. P. Monroe.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Attorney General McReynolds left tonight for Elkton, Ky., to spend Christmas at the home of his mother. He will be away from Washington a week or ten days.

VAIL RESIGNS.

From Directorate of Boston & Maine Railroad.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., resigned today from the directorate of the Boston & Maine Railroad. It was stated that Mr. Vail, who recently resigned as a director of the New Haven Railroad, desired to lessen his business responsibilities.

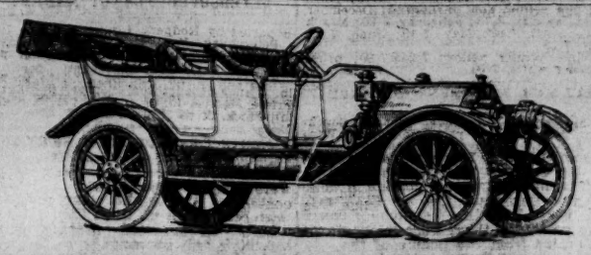
Charleston, S. C., Dec. 20.—J. P. Mulherin, of Augusta, Ga., today was appointed by United States District Judge Brown as receiver of the Industrial Lumber Company, of North Augusta, S. C. The company recently filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

FURS

Not only on Christmas morning, but ever afterwards She will experience the greatest joy in the use of this most welcome gift.

Furs That Last

A. D. Brown



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Financial and Commercial

ANOTHER BREAK IN COTTON

New Low Ground for the Season as Result of Large Government Ginning Report.

New York, Dec. 20.—The cotton market today broke into new low ground for the season under general selling inspired by the census reports showing 12,923,606 bales of cotton ginned from this crop up to December 13th. Private returns had not indicated a ginning of more than 12,800,000 bales. The publication of the actual figures led to numerous predictions that final returns would show a crop considerably in excess of the recent official forecast.

January contracts sold at 11.89, or 36 points under the closing figures of last night, $5.55 per bale below the best price reached on government report day last week and $9.80 per bale under the high records of the season, made toward the end of last October. Closing prices showed rallies of only some 3 to 5 points from the lowest, the final tone being steady, 22 to 35 points net lower.

The selling movement was in evidence during the entire morning. First prices were easy at a decline of 11 to 20 points and as the ginning figures secured circulation throughout the country, offerings became still more general. There was heavy liquidation which appeared to be combined with local or Southern bear pressure and part of the Southern selling created an apprehension that Southern spot holders were hedging low grade cotton.

After showing a net loss of about 30 to 36 points, prices rallied 8 or 9 points on covering, but predictions that the South would offer cotton very freely to Liverpool before the re-opening of the local market on Monday morning, checked any important demand and the bulges were barely maintained at the close.

Cables made a fairly steady showing and there were some private reports of improving trade abroad while there may have been some trade buying on the decline here. The market, however, seemed to be completely dominated by the bearish view of the ginning figures.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 12.60; middling gulf 12.85.

Month	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	12.35	12.35	12.17	12.21
Jan	12.14	12.14	11.89	11.98
Feb	12.05	.....	.....	11.98
Mar	12.30	11.34	11.14	12.21
Apr	12.35	.....	.....	12.31
May	12.32	12.35	12.14	12.20
June	12.33	12.33	12.13	12.19
July	12.33	12.35	12.13	12.19
Aug	12.15	12.16	12.00	11.98
Sept	.....	11.47	11.47	11.02
Oct	11.60	11.50	11.42	11.50

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Easy, 12¾; net receipts, 14,120; gross receipts, 14,120; sales, 100; stock, 223,496; Great Britain, 10,447; continent, 9,790.

New Orleans—Quiet, 13.00; net receipts, 15,314; gross receipts, 15,480; sales, 1,149; stock, 268,820; continent, 22,947; coastwise, 905.

Mobile—Nominal, 12¾; net receipts, 4,824; gross receipts, 4,860; stock, 55,419; coastwise, 12.

Savannah—Quiet, 12½; net receipts, 8,163; gross receipts, 8,163; sales, 1,812; stock, 146,065; continent, 7,502; coastwise, 880.

Charleston—Quiet, 12¾; net receipts, 1,412; gross receipts, 1,412; stock, 68,552; continent, 10,850.

Wilmington—Nominal; net receipts, 1,921; gross receipts, 1,921; stock, 35,654.

Norfolk—Quiet, 12¾; net receipts, 2,765; gross receipts, 2,765; sales, 2,071; stock, 60,259; coastwise, 4,602.

Baltimore—Nominal, 12½; stock, 6,092.

New York—Quiet, 12.60; net receipts, 383; gross receipts, 5,901; stock, 67,925; coastwise, 3,087.

Boston—Quiet, 12.60; gross receipts, 7,608; stock, 12,256.

Philadelphia—Steady, 12.85; net receipts, 750; gross receipts, 750; stock, 4,186.

Texas City—Stock, 24,139.

Brunswick—Stock, 20,853.

Aransas Pass—Stock, 2,279.

Pensacola—Net receipts, 8,500; gross receipts, 8,500; France, 8,500.

Port Arthur—Net receipts, 892; gross receipts, 892; continent, 892.

San Francisco—Net receipts, 9,831; gross receipts, 9,831; Japan, 9,831.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 67,620; Great Britain, 10,447; France, 8,500; continent, 52,071; Japan, 9,831; stock, 998,639.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 67,620; Great Britain, 10,447; France, 8,500; continent, 52,071; Japan, 9,831.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,367,477; Great Britain, 1,703,463; France, 728,310; continent, 2,142,630; Japan, 191,059; Mexico, 18,900.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Quiet, 12¾; net receipts, 15,845; gross receipts, 15,845; shipments, 15,701; sales, 1,000; stock, 170,795.

Augusta—Steady, 12½; net receipts, 2,731; gross receipts, 3,077; shipments, 1,234; sales, 640; stock, 87,113.

Memphis—Quiet, 13¾; net receipts, 5,124; gross receipts, 7,226; shipments, 5,749; sales, 1,850; stock, 253,470.

St. Louis—Dull, 13.00; net receipts, 67; gross receipts, 10,604; shipments, 10,604; stock, 25,238.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 1,170; gross receipts, 1,170; shipments, 790; sales, 450; stock, 18,454.

Little Rock—Quiet, 12¾; net receipts, 1,414; gross receipts, 1,414; shipments, 956; stock, 55,037.

Total today—Net receipts, 26,351; gross receipts, 39,236; shipments, 35,034; sales, 4,415; stock, 610,107.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 20. — Wheat—Steady. No. 2, red, 1.00@1.01; No. 1, Northern Duluth, 99½.

Corn—Steady, 74½.

Flour—Dull.

Hides—Steady.

Leather—Firm.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Steady.

Rice—Nominal.

Molasses—Steady.

Butter—Barely steady.

Cheese—Firm.

Sugar—Raw, unsettled; refined, quiet.

Coffee—Spot, steady; Rio, No. 7, 9½; Santos, No. 4, 12¾; mild, dull; Cordova, 13@16¼.

Peanuts—Steady and unchanged.

Freights—Steady and unchanged.

Potatoes—Steady and unchanged.

Cabbages—Steady and unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—The market was easier today, under liquidation, prompted by the large ginning figures and the decline in the cotton market, closing 3 to 10 points net lower. Prime crude, 5@5.00; prime Summer yellow, spot, 6.60@6.95; December, 6.67; January, 6.76; February, 6.90; March, 7.01; April, 7.09; May, 7.19; June, 7.25; July, 7.29.

Prime Winter yellow, 7.25@7.80; prime Summer white, 7.00.

BULLISH SENTIMENT CHECKED.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Snow West and Southwest, giving needed protection to the Winter crop today, checked bullish sentiment regarding wheat. The market closed weak, ¾ to ¼c under last night. Corn showed a net loss of a sixteenth to an eighth; oats finished ⅛c off to a like advance, and provisions varied from 10 cents decline to a gain of a shade.

Wheat—May, 91¾; July, 87⅝.

Corn—December, 60¾; May, 60½.

Oats—May, 41⅜; July, 41¼.

Pork—January, 20.72½; May, 20.75.

Lard—January, 10.62½; May, 10.97½.

Ribs—January, 10.77½; May, 11.05.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 95@96; No. 2, hard, 89¼@90; No. 2, Northern, 89½@90½; No. 2, spring, 88¼@89½.

Corn—New, No. 2, 70¼@70⅝; No. 2, white, 70¼@70⅝; No. 2, yellow, 70¼@70⅝.

Oats—No. 3, white, 40@40¾; standard, 41¼.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Speculation Showed a Disposition to Wait on the Annual Settlements —Markets Slow.

New York, Dec. 20.—With the approach of the year-end speculation showed a disposition to wait on the annual settlements and financial markets were slow, although at the close of the week there was increased animation and strength. The improvement was attributed to the stimulating influence of developments at Washington. Passage of the currency bill by the Senate marked the virtual completion of a long period of uncertainty regarding changes to be made in the country's banking methods. The agreement for dissolution of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company without recourse to the courts gave promise of a lessening of disturbances which have attended enforcement of the Sherman law.

The hope was expressed that the liquidation of securities had been completed even though further trade contraction may have to be faced. Expectations of easier money markets after the turn of the year were modified by consideration of the extent to which proposed requirements may affect monetary conditions. The bond market shows few signs of anticipatory re-investment demand, although January disbursements will constitute a record. Firmness in steel prices takes the form of unwillingness to contract for distant periods rather than growth of new orders. Mercantile orders are light, but for prompt delivery, indicating low stocks. Railroad traffic is falling off and forces are being reduced.

Hazards of the season detract from the favorable speculative influence of the high condition estimate of winter wheat.

MARINE.

Cleared.

Str. Kelvinhead (Br.), 1,946 tons, Colley, Brunswick, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Navahoe, Packer, New York, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Lingfield (Br.), 2,914 tons, Hunt; Heide & Co.

Str. Gascony (Br.), 1,942 tons, Taylor; Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Kylestrome (Br.), 2,105 tons, Muir, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Schr. Joel Cook, 319 tons, Hay, Marfitt & Wood.

Schr. Benjamin F. Poole, 1,009 tons, Marfitt & Wood.

Schr. Louis F., 237 tons, Albury, Marfitt & Wood.

Schr. Blanche H. King, 1,021 tons, Williams; Marfitt & Wood.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, at 41½ cents per gallon.

ROSIN—Steady, $3.45.

TAR — Firm, at $2.30 per barrel; in casks, 11c. per gallon.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.00 per barrel for hard; $3.00 per barrel for dip and $3.00 per barrel for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 38c.; rosin, $5.75; tar, $2.20; crude turpentine, firm, at $3.25@$4.25 to $4.25.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	10
Tar	14
Crude Turpentine	(—)

Receipts same day last year — Spirits turpentine, 4 casks; rosin, 23 barrels; tar, 80 barrels; crude turpentine, 20 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Spot, nominal for middling. Same day last year, nominal.

Receipts, 1,340. Same day last year, 2,315 bales.

Total receipts, since Sept. 1, 314,160 bales. Total receipts same time last year, 264,304 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 20.)

CORN—$1.00 to $1.05 per sack.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop $1.60 per bu. Sweet potatoes, new, 60 to 70c. Very dull.

BEANS—White, $2.50 per bushel; good demand.

BEEF—Native, dressed, very dull, 6 to 8c.

PORK—Small, 9@11c.

WOOL—Burry, 8 to 12c. per lb.; free 17c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 12c.; dry flints, 14@16c. per lb.

TALLOW—Firm, 4@5c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, good demand. Grown, 40 to 45c.; Spring chickens, 15@35c. per head.

EGGS—30c. per doz.; good demand.

SHEEP—Very dull; no sales. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head.

TURKEYS—Live, on foot, 18c per lb.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 19.

Atlantic Coast Line—823 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 5 barrels rosin; 176 barrels tar; 5 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—340 bales cotton.

Clyde Line—71 bales cotton.

Str. Alice—15 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Annie B.—9 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr Addie May—7 casks spirits turpentine; 58 barrels rosin; 32 barrels tar.

Schr. Thelma—3 casks spirits turpentine; 10 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—1,340 bales cotton; 14 casks spirits turpentine; 63 barrels rosin; 218 barrels tar; 29 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20.

Market—Weaker on Virginias. Stronger on Spanish and North Carolinas.

North Carolinas—No. 1, Machine-Picked, 1.05.

Spanish—No1, Machine-Picked, 1.15.

Virginias—No. 1, Machine-Picked, 98c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 18th, 1913.—Spanish—Farmers' Spanish, firm, at $1.20 per bushel.

Virginias—Fancy Jumbo, 3¾c to 4c per lb. Fancy Handpicked, 3½c per lb. Extra Prime, 3¼c per lb. Prime, 3c. per lb. Shelling Stock, 2c to 3c per lb.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 20.—Cotton yarns were quiet today and spinners sought contract business. Cloths ruled moderately steady. Linens were firm. Underwear and hosiery have been quiet and it was possible to buy late fall contracts at better prices than those prevailing when the markets were opened for 1914 season.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—Fifteen hundred men presented themselves at the municipal free employment bureau today to register for the city work intended to relieve the wants of the unemployed.

BETTER PRICES IN STOCKS

Market Responded Emphatically to the News of Dissolution of American Telephone.

New York, Dec. 20.—The stock market responded emphatically today to the news of the American Telephone dissolution agreement and the passage of the currency bill. Dealings were on much larger scale and prices moved up vigorously.

It was felt that the dissolution agreement, besides removing from American Telephone the menace of an anti-trust suit, would probably lessen talk of government ownership of telegraph and telephone companies, which recently has depressed American Telephone and Western Union to the lowest quotations for years. The statement of President Theodore N. Vail, of the Telephone company, that "neither the Bell system nor the Western Union will suffer," helped on the upturn.

Of more influence than the dissolution agreement itself was the statement of President Wilson expressing the administration's hope of helping "to build up the business of the country upon sound and permanent lines." It was felt that the American Telephone agreement indicated what might be done in case of other corporations under scrutiny or attack.

American Telephone was the center of excited trading at the opening. The first transaction involved a block of 2,000 shares at 120 1-2 to 124. The top price was 124 1-4, a gain of seven points, which compared with the week's low figures of 110. Subsequently there was a reaction, and the close was at 122 3-4.

Other securities of wire companies also were strong. American Telephone Convertibles were bid three points, as was Pacific Telephone. Stocks of the Mackay companies which control the Postal Telegraph, rose 2 1-4 to three. Western Union started with a gain of two points but later reacted five, closing at a net loss of 2 1-2.

The whole market was strong and active. Advances in general ranged from one to 1 1-2.

Bonds showed strength. Total sales par value $2,100,000. United States 4s coupon advanced one-half and Panama 3s coupon three-eighths on call on the week. Total sales 304,000, including: American Tobacco, 400; Atlantic Coast Line, 600; C. & O., 200; Lehigh Valley, 5,300; Louisville & Nashville, 600; N. & W., 1,600; Reading, 48,700; Seaboard Air Line, 500; S. A. L., 500; S. A. L. preferred, 100; Southern Railway, 1,400; Southern Railway preferred, 500; Tennessee Copper, 900; Union Pacific, 30,800; U. S. Steel, 52,800; V. C. C., 100.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	71½
American Agricultural	43
American Beet Sugar	27¾
American Can	28½
American Can, pfd	88
American Car and Foundry	44¼
American Cotton Oil	36¼
American Ice Securities	22½
American Linseed	10
American Locomotive	20¾
Amer Smelting and Ref	62¾
Amer. Smelting and Ref., pfd	98½
American Sugar Refining	106½
American Tel and Tel	122½
American Tobacco	246
Anaconda Mining Co	34¾
Atchison	94
Atchison, pfd	98¼
Atlantic Coast Line	110¾
Baltimore and Ohio	92¾
Bethlehem Steel	30½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	87½
Canadian Pacific	218¼
Central Leather	26⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	58½
Chicago Great Western	11⅝
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	100
Chicago and North Western	126
Colorado Fuel and Iron	38¼
Consolidated Gas	139
Corn Products	9
Delaware and Hudson	151
Denver and Rio Grande	17½
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	37
Distillers' Securities	19
Erie	28⅝
Erie, 1st pfd	44½
Erie, 2nd pfd	35¼
General Electric	138
Great Northern, pfd	123¼
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	53
Illinois Central	105⅝
Interborough-Met	13½
Interborough-Met., pfd	35½
Inter-Harvester	101
Inter-Marine, pfd	12½
International Paper	13¾
International Pump	24⅜
Kansas City Southern	23
Laclede Gas	93
Lehigh Valley	152⅝
Louisville and Nashville	133⅝
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	125
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	30
Missouri Pacific	35
National Biscuit	121
National Lead	44
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	10¾
New York Central	92⅝
New York, Ont. and Western	26½
Norfolk and Western	103½
North American	65
Northern Pacific	104⅝
Pacific Mail	26¼
Pennsylvania	108¾
People's Gas	118¾
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	81
Pittsburg Coal	18¾
Pressed Steel Car	39¾
Pullman Palace Car	150
Reading	164¾
Republic Iron and Steel	19¾
Republic Iron and Steel, pfd	80
Rock Island Co	13¾
Rock Island Co., pfd	21¾
St. Louis and San Fran, 2nd pfd	6¾
Seaboard Air Line	17
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	45¾
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	26½
Southern Pacific	87¾
Southern Railway	22⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	73¾
Tennessee Copper	30¾
Texas and Pacific	12⅜
Union Pacific	154⅞
Union Pacific, pfd	83½
United States Realty	53¾
United States Rubber	55¾
United States Steel	58⅝
United States Steel, pfd	105½
Utah Copper	48
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	25½
Wabash	3¼
Wabash, pfd	8¾
Western Maryland	33
Western Union	57½
Westinghouse Electric	64
Wheeling and Lake Erie	4½
New Haven	71
L. and M	217¼
L. and M., pfd	110¼
Lorillard	168½
Lorillard, pfd	110

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 20.—Call money nominal, no loans. Time loans easier, sixty days 5 1-2; 90 days 5; six months 5. Mercantile paper 5 3-4 to 6. Sterling exchange steady, 60 days 4.81, demand 4.8525. Commercial bills 4.80 1-2. Bar silver 58. Mexican dollars 44 5-8.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 20.—Turpentine—Quiet. Rosin—Quiet.

Savannah, Dec. 20.—Turpentine, firm, at 41½; sales, 908; receipts, 2,61; shipments, 14; stocks, 26,905.

Rosin—Firm; Sales, 3,207; receipts, 1,334; shipments, 2; stocks, 148,633. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, 3.65 to 3.67½; F, 3.67½; G, 3.67½ to 3.70; H, 3.67½ to 3.72½; I, 3.73 to 3.80; K, 4.85; M, 3.35; N, 6.35; W G, 6.50; W W, 6.85.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 21, 1913.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 50 degrees; at 8 P. M., 52 degrees; maximum, 51 degrees; P. M., 52 degrees; maximum, 57 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .25; rainfall for the month to date, 1.75.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 4.7 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Cloudy and colder Sunday.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 21.

Sun rises	7:14 A. M.
Sun sets	5:07 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 45 min.

Tides.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	4:10	4:36	11:31	11:55
Southport	1:45	2:09	8:16	8:38
Masonboro Inlet	1:34	1:58	7:56	8:18

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.
December 20, 1913.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Temperature: Lowest Last Night.	Precipitation, 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	46	36	.0
Asheville	clear	46	36	.0
Atlanta	cloudy	48	38	.0
Augusta	clear	58	44	.0
Birmingham	cloudy	56	42	.0
Boston	clear	46	28	.0
Charleston	clear	58	46	.0
Charlotte	clear	54	36	.04
Chicago	cloudy	40	36	.01
Galveston	clear	66	56	.0
Jacksonville	clear	62	58	.18
Memphis	pt cldy	54	32	.0
Mobile	cloudy	58	48	.0
Montgomery	cloudy	58	44	.01
New Orleans	cloudy	62	52	.16
New York	cloudy	48	38	.0
Oklahoma	cloudy	34	32	.02
Palestine	clear	58	42	.0
Pittsburg	pt cldy	46	28	.0
Raleigh	cloudy	48	36	.01
Savannah	clear	62	46	.01
Shreveport	clear	62	46	.0
St. Louis	raining	32	26	.08
Washington	clear	46	28	.0

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—Spot cotton quiet; prices steady; middling fair 7.65; good middling 7.30; middling 7.08; low middling 6.84; good ordinary 6.18; ordinary 5.84. Sales 7,000 bales including 5,700 American and 1,000 for speculation and export. Receipts 19,000, including 10,800 American.

Futures closed quiet. December 6.75; December and January 6.74 1-2; January and February 6.76 1-2; February and March 6.78 1-2; March and April 6.80 1-2; April and May 6.79 1-2; May and June 6.79; June and July 6.76 12; July and August 6.74; August and September 6.62; September and October 6.41; October and November 6.31; November and December 6.26 1-2; December and January 6.25 1-2; January and February 6.25 1-2.

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TRYING TO SETTLE BIG DIFFERENCES

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ther fight was predicted if the conference report eliminated the provision.

Made Vigorous Fight.

The House conferees were prepared also to make a vigorous fight against several of the restrve requirements changed by the Senate. On this point Representative Glass was particularly emphatic during the debate in the House.

"The bank restrve requirements of the Senate bill," he said, "would result in calamity. Under the Senate amendments the total reserves of the banks in cash and credits with the reserve banks would be less than the banks at present hold in cash in their vaults. Within a few months under these provisions we would have a saturnalia of expansion—of wild inflation."

The reading of the bill was begun by the Democratic members of the conference committee immediately after they met. Within an hour serious points of difference developed. The House members announced their intention of insisting that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Comptroller of Curency be retained as members of the committee to organize a new system and as members of the Federal reserve board. The Senate amendment removes them from both.

On tht number of regional banks the House members agree to the Senate provision that not less than eight be created, but insisted that the provision be eliminated fixing the maximum number at 12. They also announced that they would insist on the House provision that the capital stock of each regional bank be fixed at 5 per cent of the capital of the National banks in its district, instead of at 6 per cent of the capital and surplus of the banks as provided in the Senate bill.

Applications Received.

With the currency bill in its final stages in Congress, informal applications from National banks to get into the system that will be created under its provisions, began to come today to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. Nearly a score of such applications were received.

Practically every request came by telegraph. One was signed by eleven National banks in Baltimore, andother came from Chicago, a third from Arkansas, one from Wisconsin, one from Iowa, one from Virginia and others from different States.

No reply has been made by Secretary McAdoo and no action will be taken by the Treasury Department until the bill is signed by the President. It is probable, however, that other things being equal, the first application will be the first honored, although no final determination has been reached on this question.

Already Secretary McAdoo is preparing to begin work at the treasury on the sweeping change in the nation's financial system that the new law will entail. He practically barred his doors to callers today and had a long talk about the bill with Charles A. Conant, of New York, an expert on finance.

Bill Is a Miracle.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—"The currency bill is the political miracle of the age, because not ten of the men in Congress who voted for the bill understood its fundamental principles." This is the opinion of J. Laurence Laughlin, professor of political economy at the University of Chicago, expressed today in an address to members of the City Club. The wonder of it, the professor said, is that they incorporated the correct economic principle without realizing it.

"I am willing to stake my reputation," he said, "that the bill will be for good, or good for nothing, not because of the regulation of note issues and the quantity of money in circulation, but because of the organization of credit provided for. It seems to me a miracle that this thing should have been incorporated in this bill.

"No one has talked about this feature, and yet it is ten times as important as the regulation of note issues and the amount of money in circulation. It is a source of marvel to me that 286 men in the House voted for this bill when there were not ten men in the House who understood its fundamental principles."

M'LAUGHLIN LEADS.

In Ranking of Tennis Players—Both Singles and Doubles.

New York, Dec. 20.—Mourice McLoughlin is at the top place of the National ranking of lawn tennis players for 1913, issued here today. Miss Mary Browne is first in women players in the singles. McLoughlin and Thomas C. Bundy lead the doubles list. McLoughlin, Bundy and Miss Browne are all Californians.

The rankings were issued by George T. Adee, secretary of the National Ranking Committee.

The records of more than 1,100 players entered into the final selection of the list, which is in part as follows:

Singles, first ten: Maurise E. McLoughlin, California; R. Norris Williams, Philadelphia; William J. Clotheir, Philadelphia; William J. Johnston, California; Theodore Roosevelt Pell, New York; Nathaniel W. Niles, Boston; Wallace F. Johnson, Philadelphia; Gustave F. Touchard, New York; George Peabody Gardner, Jr., Boston; John B. Strachan, California.

Doubles, first five: M. E. McLaughlin and T. C. Bundy, California; J. R. Strachan and C. J. Griffin, California; G. F. Touchard and W. M. Washburn, New York; R. D. Little and T. R. Pell, New York; G. M. Church and Dean Mathy, New York.

Singles, women players, first five: Miss Mary Browne, California; Mrs. B. O. Bruce, California; Miss Florence Sutton, California; Mrs. Marshall McLean, New York; Mrs. Robert Williams, Chicago.

GRATEFUL TO M'REYNOLDS.

Mackay Talks of Telegraph-Telephone Dissolution.

(Special Star Telegram.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Clarence H. Mackay, the president of the Mackay Company, being interviewed on the separation by the Attorney General of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company, said:

"It has been a bitterly fought contest. The result is a gratifying solution of the whole trouble. We hope and believe it will work out so that no further cause for complaint may exist either on the part of the public or on our part. Anybody with any perspective at all, could have seen during the past few years that there would be an end to a huge combination whose chief purpose was to throttle competition in order to control and monopolize.

"We feel grateful to the administration and particularly to Attorney General McReynolds for the result. The Department of Justice took the matter up on its own initiative and without any attempt to shift or evade responsibility. The Attorney General has brought about this complete solution."

DEATH IN PENDER.

Mrs. Lizzie Simpson Passes—Other Burgaw Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 20.—The death of Mrs. Lizzie Simpson, of Long Creek, which occurred Wednesday night at her home, was a great shock to her relatives and friends here, as none of them had heard that she was sick. Her death was almost sudden, as she was ill only from the previous Sunday. She was a daughter of the late John Jones and widow of the late Leston Simpson, who preceded her to the grave several years ago. She is survived by four children: Mrs. Meta Lockhart, Miss Ruth Simpson, Messrs. Tom and John Simpson, who have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement. The funeral services were conducted Friday at 11 o'clock by Rev. P. L. Clark, and the interment was in the family burying ground, near the home.

Rev. Z. Paris, of Cornelia, grand chaplain of the Odd Fellows of North Carolina, attended the meeting of Burgaw lodge Thursday evening, and delivered an inspiring address. There was a very full attendance and all enjoyed the occasion. A campaign for new members has been waged in this lodge, as well as throughout the State, for some time, and quite a number will be added here as a result.

The Burgaw high school closed today for the holidays and will not reopen until January 5th. All the teachers will leave for their respective homes tomorrow.

Among the students arriving at nome here for the holidays are Messrs. McNair Johnson, Cutlar Moore and Thomas Borden, from the University; Gordon Paddison from the A. & M., and Miss Louise Moore, from Greenville.

The new depot Burgaw was to get seems up in the air and likely to remain there, on account of the fact that an effort is being made to move it from the present location. The railroad company will do nothing until the matter is settled, and the people are divided.

Messrs. W. A. Cannon and K. D. Fultch have purchased automobiles.

Mr. J. G. McNeill has returned after a visit of several days North.

SUIT BEING SETTLED.

Tarboro Cotton Mill Case Submitted to Arbitration.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—Four years ago the Fountain Cotton Mills brought suit against the Runnymeade Hosiery Mills concerning a certain quality of yarn, which the former concern was furnishing the hosiery mill under contract. After standing on the court calendar for this length of time it is now being settled by arbitration, with Mr. W. S. Clark as sole arbitrator. The local business men here have never encouraged suits between local factories and it was agreed to settle this matter upon a friendly basis.

Tarboro council, No. 471, Royal Arcanum, one of the oldest lodges in this section, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Regent, A. T. Walston; Vice Regent, H. T. Latham; Secretary, R. B. Peters; treasurer, C. B. Keech; Collector, F. L. Dacy; Chaplain J. P. Keech; Warden, Frank Powell; Sentinel, W. A. Wiliams; Guide, Frank Hart; Orator, H. L. Williams.

HENRY FOLSOM DEAD.

Dies of Injuries Received in Automobile Accident.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—Mr. Henry Folsom, 40 years old, died early this morning at St. Leo's Hospital from injuries received a week ago when he was thrown from an automobile. He was hurt internally and had three ribs broken. He is survived by a widow and two children.

Interment will be at Goldsboro.

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FOR RENT — That splendid residence Northwest corner Third and Walnut, and 1807 Chestnut, new and up to date; immediate possession. L. W. Moore, Agent. Telephone 332. de21-1t

FOR RENT—Stores No. 11 Princess and 8 Grace, southeast corner Water and Grace, 21 South Front; building formerly occupied by Worth Company, foot Grace street. Combination store and dwelling, 11th and Dock; 7th and Harnett; 511 Taylor. Telephone 332. L. W. Moore de21-1t

OFFICES FOR RENT—Maffitt building, Odd Fellows' building. Reasonable rates, which include light, heat and janitor service. Telephone 332. L. W. Moore, agent. de21-1t

WIND UP THIS YEAR right by making investment in home or renting property through Moore's Real Estate Agency, the one that helps you finance the proposition de21-1t

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WE HAVE SEVERAL well-located homes and home sites for sale. See our confidential Home List. Watson & Applewhite. de21-1t

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CHEAP LUMBER — We have for quick sale for cash 300,000 feet common dressed sheathing at $11.00 per thousand feet, delivered in quantities of 500 feet up, to any part of the city, Sunset Park, Carolina Heights or Winoca Terrace. Chadbourn Lumber Co.; 'Phone 677. de21-6t

BUILD HER A HOME for her Christmas. We can furnish the lumber, if you can do the rest. Clark-Lynch Lumber Co. de21-1t

FOR SALE—Five room cottage on Fourth street, between Meares and Marstella; bath room, sewerage, etc. Lot 44x99 feet in size. $350.00 cash, balance payable like rent; possession at once. Apply to Wilder & Metts. de21-1t

FOR SALE—Two lots on Eighth street between Marstella and Kidder, 66x150 feet. Cheap to quick purchaser. See Wilder & Metts. de21-1t

NICE NEW COTTAGE at 15th and Dock for sale; six rooms; modern conveniences; renting for $20.00 per month. Price, $2,200.00; one-half cash. See Wilder & Metts. de21-1t

ONE OF THOSE IDEAL homes on Princess street, "Old Carolina Heights," for sale; eight-room; large lot; a real bargain; can arrange terms. Apply to Wilder & Metts. de21-1t

TRUCK LAND for sale, on Masonboro road; good road front; forty per cent of farm cleared; containing one small dwelling house; beautiful grove. Price $30.00 an acre. Apply to Wilder & Metts. de21-1t

WANTED—Circular sawyer, $4.50; grocery shipping clerk, $125; commissary clerk, $75; band filer, $7; planer foreman, $125; locomotive engineer, $90; furniture clerk, $100. McRae, 316 1-2 Franklin st., Tampa, Fla. de21-1t*

SALESMAN—Capable specialty man for North Carolina. Staple line on new and exceptional terms. Attractive commission contract for 1914; $35 weekly for expenses. Miles F. Hixler Co., 198-51 Carlin Building, Cleveland, Ohio. de21-1t*

ALL CHILDREN calling at Bijou peanut stand will be given a few souvenirs Christmas Eve. de21-1t*

SELF-FILLING Fountain Pen, only $1.50. Ideal Christmas gift. Commercial Copying Association, Washington, D. C. de21-1t*

IF YOU WANT to see a lot of real, old-fashioned Long Leaf Heart lumber, come out to see us tomorrow. Lumber that is lumber—our specialty. Clark-Lynch Lumber Co. de21-1t

SALESMAN WANTED—Do you want $10 a day side or main line, retail premium and punch board deals? Ten propositions. W. E. Graves & Co., St. Louis, Mo. de21-su13t

FOR SALE—A meat and grocery business, in a first class location; can be bought at a bargain by an early purchaser. Apply at 101 S. Ninth st. de21-1t*

FIREWORKS — Largest stock, largest variety, quickest delivery, best prices. 'Phone 983. de21-1t*

SALESMAN for general mercantile trade. Vacancy January 1st. Unexcelled specialty proposition. Commission contract; $35 weekly for expenses. Continental Jewelry Co., 297-51 Continental Building; Cleveland, Ohio. de21-1t*

TO RENT—Two beautiful rooms, nicely furnished; electric lights, use of bath (hot and cold); use of 'phone. 1776-J. 209 So. Second street. de21-1t*

SWITCHES MADE from combings on short notice, $1.00. Mail orders solicited. Mrs. Sykes, 120 So. Ninth street. de21-1t

FOR FLORAL DESIGNS for Christmas, 'phone to Everglade Cafe, No. 150. All kinds of galax designs, with red immortelles; also fresh flowers. Prices ranging from 50c., 75c and $1.50 each. Delivered any part of city. Also book orders for cut flowers. J. D. Padgett. de21-2t*

KUMQUAT TREES Christmas novelty. It is a living plant, bearing fruit which is mightly good to eat. See them at Mrs. L. P. Fowler's, 'Phone 966 and 1433-J. de21-1t*

A CHRISTMAS GIFT that will be a daily reminder of the giver every day during the year 1914—a yearly subscription to the Morning Star. We'll start first issue Christmas Day, and send your card, if desired. Call 51. de21-2t

EGGS, 31c—Eggs, 31c; eggs, 31c. We have several hundred dozen just in from the country, to go at 31c. 'Phone 1938. L. T. New. de21-1t

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RED RUSCUS WREATHS — Something new for your windows. Baskets of plants from 75c. up, cut flowers, all kinds. Call and see display. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Mrs. L. P. Fowler, 202 Orange street. de21-1t*

WOOD—All kinds, oak, pine, black jack, All sizes, best in the market, at Whiteman's Wood Yard. Ask those who use it. 'Phone 850. John H. Whiteman. de21-1t*

WANTED—To rent a cash register, for one week. Warren's, Front and Market. de21-1t

FIREWORKS—All 10c. packages, 3 for 25c.; one of the most complete assortments ever displayed in this man's town. 'Phone 1938. L. T. New. de21-1t

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GOOD BARGAIN — House and lot on Eleventh and Chestnut, for sale. Large house and lot. Good terms. James Owen Reilly, Fire Insurance and Real Estate. de21-1t

$4,500.00 WILL BUY a modern 8-room house, almost new, one of the best neighborhoods. Reason for selling, party moving from city. Lot is 41 by 100. For terms apply James Owen Reilly, Fire Insurance and Real Estate. de21-1t

DO YOU NEED stable blankets, horse covers or lap robes? We have them. D. Newman and Son, 12 Market street. de21-1t

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TURKEYS, geese, chickens, wild ducks, also fresh country eggs for Christmas, at C. B. Bellois, General Produce, 16 N. Second street; 'phone 1576. de21-1t*

WANTED—To rent by Jan. 1st, five or six room cottage. Must be desirable neighborhood and modern conveniences. Address 311 So. 2nd st. de21-1t*

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ROLLER TOP DESK for sale. New and in perfect order. Can be seen at 509 Princess street. de21-1t*

FOR RENT — Several desirable stores down town; also 4-room house, 10th and Queen, $8; 5 room house, 1107 Wright street, $8; Meares street, between Fourth and Fifth, $7; also others. See J. Franklin Smith, with James & James. de21-1t

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FROM THE SAND HILLS TO THE OCEAN BY CANAL

Down the Winding Lumbee and Through the Pee Dee, 364 Miles, One of the Most Unique and Picturesque Canoeing Trips in the Country.

(By Herbert L. Jillson.)

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 20.—How many of those who love the "little rover" know that the starting point of the most unique and picturesque canoeing trip in this country is to be found six miles from Pinehurst? Rising in the high sand hills of North Carolina, forty-four miles the Lumbee (Lumber in geographies) Croatan Indian name for beautiful water, speeds southward into the Little Pee Dee, which in turn flows into the Great Pee Dee twenty-nine miles above Georgetown, South Carolina, where the Great Pee Dee greets its ocean mother. The actual distance between these two points is 364 miles. Five years ago the first canoe made the trip.

History tells us that Sherman in his march northward from Charleston crossed the Lumbee at Gilchrist bridge, just above Wagram. Blue's bridge, where four counties corner, is also a historical structure. The descendants of the family it is named from still live in the sand hills and are justly proud of a lineage which dates back to the time of William the Conquerer. All the early settlers along the river were Scotch. They entered the country in 1739 by way of the Cape Fear river. Some of them came from the Island of Skye, on the coast of Scotland, and still keep in touch with their kin there. Wagram, a Scotch settlement at the end of the first wilderness, 40 miles below Blue's bridge, is an interesting place to visit. It is the birthplace of John Charles McNeill, poet of the Carolinas. He died here in early manhood five years ago. The McNeill plantation at Riverton, a suburb of Wagram, fronts on the river and here the brother and sister of the poet continue to keep open house after the delightful Southern fashion.

Croatan Indian Section.

Half way between Maxton and Lumberton lies the Croatan Indian section. Here are three thousand five hundred Indians with an interesting history. In the latter part of the 16th century, that era of adventure and discovery, a company from England, the second colonizing expedition sent across the Western ocean by Sir Walter Raleigh, landed on Roanoke Island on the North Carolina shore and made a settlement which is known as the "Lost Colony." In 1580, three years after the establishment of the colony, a relief expedition sent to the island found, so the legend goes, no trace of the original band, but burned in the timbers of a ruined fort was the word "Croatan." The Croatan Indians of the present day have blue eyes and coal black hair. Their odd speech, along with other characteristics have led to the conclusion that they are the descendants of the "Lost Colony" crossed with the Croatans. The famous Henry Berry Swamp is located on the river nearby. Here the Lowrie outlaws lived for ten years in defiance of all authority.

Going towards Lumberton the trip on the river averages three miles by water to one by land, though there are some "reaches." Sometimes the river makes a bend of two miles and you could hand a kiss to the other fellow's girl across the narrow neck or ribbon of land that divides the stream. Occasionally one comes to huge cypress trees standing in midstream. These trees are called "dram trees," for it is said when a raftsman came to one of these he was entitled to a drink of whiskey. As one approaches Lumberton he leaves behind the holly and the mistletoe and finds swaying gracefully the first sprays of grey Spanish moss. This moss marks the approach to the land of flowers and ease, as contrasted, let us say, with the land of ice and industry, of our Northern tier of States.

Lumberton Principal Stop.

Lumberton is the only considerable town directly on the river. From this point to the seas the government has freed the course of snags and it is safe for the use of motor boats and launches. Here the river is about one hundred feet wide. There is a bluff thirty feet high, five miles below Lumberton, where seashells of great variety, are to be found, which goes to show that the sand hills now one hundred miles back from the sea, were once the ocean shore. Bluffs like this front on the river every five or ten miles throughout the course. They make fine camping grounds. Quail are plentiful on the uplands back of these bluffs. Bathing facilities are afforded on sandy points opposite the bluffs where the water is always deepest. There is no mud in this region, and there are no insect pests.

Princess Ann Bluff, a few miles above the town of Fair Bluff, is 75 feet high and rises in a truly queenly manner above the surface of the river. With its natural spring and beautiful grove of pines it affords an ideal spot for the camper. Fair Bluff, where one can easily get supplies, is a pretty, restful little town of a handful of people. Six miles by water below this point one crosses into South Carolina, and twenty-five miles further on the Little Pee Dee empties into the Lumbee and steals away its name, a thing it never should have been allowed to do, if length and size count for anything in the "right-of-way" of rivers. Not far below the joining of these, Driftwood Island rises its high crest, from which there is a view up and down the stream. It is a beautiful spot.

Vast Hunting Preserve.

From Gallavant's Ferry on the Little Pee Dee to where it meets the Great Pee Dee, is one vast hunting preserve. This area is densely wooded and is so difficult for the lumberman that it will long remain the home for wild hogs, cats, fox, squirrel, deer, bear and other game. The Flats or Buzzard Reaches, so called, near the mouth of the Little Pee Dee river, is a most bewildering and fascinating piece of canoeing water. They are made up of a labyrinth of "lakes" which cut across the course of the Little Pee Dee for fifteen miles. Here one is virtually afloat in a cypress forest. Many of the lakes are separated from one another by single or double columns of tall cypresses giving the effect of a collonade; the trees often mirrored in the waters of the lakes they separate.

A sand island seven acres in extent in the center of this lake region is the only possible camping ground. "Big Ratchel," a huge cypress known by that name to rivermen and others all over the State of South Carolina, stands at the lower end of these reaches, a short distance from an old landing in the swamp said to have been used by the Tories during the revolutionary war. This tree marked the spot where those who knew might land.

On the Great Pee Dee.

Entering the Great Pee Dee one is borne rapidly along the "yellow waters" toward Georgetown, twenty-nine

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START OF THE RED CROSS

(By Mrs. E. May Glenn Toon.)

Clara Barton, while recovering in London, declared, "If I live to return to my Country, I'll make my people understand the Red Cross." But she did more than resolve, she promised. She returned and then came the battle royal betwen her gentle touch and the stubborness of a republic's Bureaucracy and resistant red tape. No success in 1876. Then followed five years of persuasion and a plea to Congress to join the 31 signatory powers of the world in signing the Red Cross treaty. But the cabinet refused, and in 1881, May 21st, Clara Barton called a meeting and appealed to the country. On the 9th of June, she called a second meeting, and the tender touch of the vanished hand unwound the governmental red tape and won.

President Garfield this day made Clara Barton president of the Red Cross of the United States. In March, 1882, President Arthur signed the treaty of Geneva, adding the amendment for aid during disaster in time of peace.

The Red Cross was chosen out of compliment to the Swiss Republic, where the first convention was held. The sign or badge was also agreed upon, namely, a red cross on a white ground, which was to be worn on the arm by all persons, acting with or in the service of the committees enrolled under the convention.

The Acme of Woman's Tender Nursing.

The first hospital in the world was opened by a woman, Fabiola, in the fourth century, and to the work of caring for the sick, wounded and helpless, the tender hands of women have ever since been consecrated. As "Angels of the Battlefield," the names of Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton will forever be associated.

Whenever fire, flood, famine, drought, tempest or pestilence has blighted a community in any spot of the globe, Clara Barton was always ready at a moment's notice, as ministering angel of peace, with her noble band of associates.

She loved her country and cherished with religious devotion the Stars and Stripes, but on the field of battle, the Blue and the Gray, the Germans, the French, the American, received with equal devotion her healing balm. Her personal character was wonderful and unique. Frail, slight and delicate in appearance, she possessed the courage of the lion, coupled with the gentleness of the dove. She was a graceful, interesting speaker, and a writer of ability. In her long life emperors delighted to stand reverently in her presence. The greatest generals were proud to know her. Eminent statesmen felt honored by her friendship—surely her life was most complete.

As the founder of the American National Red Cross organization, she belonged not only to the United States but to the entire civilized world.

The world can never become reconciled to the death of a person like Clara Barton.

Nearly a century ago, Alfred Tennyson wrote in one of his earlier poems, how—

"A Red Cross Knight forever kneeled,
Unto the lady in his shield."

The accurate foresight of Miss Barton seemed to pressage the time when the Red Cross Society could combat wars of all kinds, and also to presage when this same society should lead the way to victory over tuberculosis, unsanitary surroundings, and should invade the fortified strongholds of crime, ignorance and prejudice.

Measured by any scale you may choose, Clara Barton was the most useful woman of her day or generation.

As the world brings its roses to the bier of Clara Barton, may the world take inspiration from the beauties of the life of a woman who found greatest glory in service to humanity.

She leaves no multiplying millions as her gift to those who follow on. No mighty libraries or imposing laboratories to carry her name as an epitaph of fame, yet her place is as secure in history as can be any one human being's. Her work was of the flesh and blood—living things. The tablets to her memory are carried in the hearts of men—living things—such accomplishments are wonderful as life itself.

Wherever the Red Cross shall bring its succoring radiance down the avenue of years to come, whether on the blood-steeped field of battle, or in the land of plague and famine, there the sweet memory of Clara Barton will shine as a heavenly star. There new works of flesh and blood—living things—will be dedicated to her name. There new tablets of affection will be inscribed to her in human hearts—living things.

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On the battlefield of the rebellion her hands bound up the wounds of the injured brave. The candles of her charity lighted the gloom of death for

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PARAGRAPHS ON WORLD'S GREATEST EXPOSITION

Marvelous Exhibits From All Parts of Globe to be Shown in San Francisco at International "Fair"—Superb Lighting Effects for the Court of the Sun and Stars.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20.—That a great exhibit of domestic animals of the Andes is planned by Argentina at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition is news made public by His Excellency, Romulo S. Naon, Argentina's Ambassador to the United States.

Blue, gold and orange have been chosen as the official colors of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and will be employed on the exposition flags and banners. The diagonals of the flag are blue and the body orange. In the center is the setting sun of gold with a battleship in outline passing through the Panama Canal. The colors were suggested by Jules Guerin, Director of color of the Exposition.

In addition to great musical festivals, such as the Welsh National Eisteddford, the Germans saengerfests and others, there will be constant music on the Panama-Pacific International Exposition grounds throughout the whole period of the celebration. There will be both military and orchestras playing practically all day in some part or parts of the exposition grounds. $10,000 will be offered by the Eisteddford in the chief choral competition.

One of the most attractive features of Panama-Pacific International Exposition will be the illumination of the great Court of the Sun and Stars. Occupying positions relatively east and west in the center of this court will be two free standing monuments, the fountains of the Rising court of the Setting Sun. The upper portion of these fountains will be the sources of the superb night illumination of the great court which, at night will be transformed into a magical, mystical fairyland. Great globes surmounted by figures representing a sunrise and sunset and typifying the Rising and Setting Suns, will give forth at night an incandescent glow. Columns of thick glass seventy feet in height and rising from the center of the fountains will diffuse a soft white light throughout the court, completely illuminating its recesses. At the base of each fountain will be basins in which reclining figures representing the planets will again surmount the globes of light behind which the water will fall in screens. W. D'A. Ryan, the electrical engineer who illuminated Niagara Falls some years ago, is Director of Illumination at the Exposition.

Some of the greatest steamship companies in the world will send specimens of their latest "ocean greyhounds" to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, not only to bear passengers and freight, but to serve as exhibits of the latest advances in naval architecture.

Military drills by organizations from the armies of many nations will be a feature of the military display at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. It is probable that more than fifty thousand soldiers will be quartered at the Presidio grounds adjoining the Exposition site during the summer of 1915.

Car floats are arriving regularly at the Panama-Pacific International freight ferry slip, bearing cars loaded with building material. Upon arrival, they are taken by the standard gauge engines of the exposition railway and carried to any part of the grounds where needed, even into exhibit palaces. This will be the first great American Exposition to be held at an ocean port.

A huge live stock exhibit will be one of the most attractive features of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. Nearly a half a million dollars for premiums and prizes will be distributed during exposition year. Of this amount $175,000 has been voted by the exposition management for prize winning live stock. $227,000 has been assured for harness races to be held under the auspices of the Pacific Coast Trotting

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BIJOU

The Theatre of Christmas Cheer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22nd.

"In the Toils of an Adventuress"

A powerful Warner Feature in three parts. A superb dramatic picture story of love and intrigue, portraying a son's desperate efforts to save his father from ruin and shame. The cast is a notable one, and you will enjoy the many unusual situations.

"The Flirt."

The flirt enjoys herself with both beaus in turn, who send a grocery clerk to pose as a millionaire suitor. A strong and effective comedy.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd.

"Black Sheep."

A strong "Broncho" two-reel feature. Thirty minutes of as interesting a picture as you have ever seen.

"Two Men and a Mule," and "The Landlady Rents the Room."

Two Reliance comedies that guarantee a laugh to every inch.

"Beyond the Law."

A full reel Nestor picture, strong in exciting dramatic climaxes and stirring situations cleverly worked out. Intensely interesting.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th.

"The Auto Bandits of New York"

Another big three-part Warner, full of thrills and excitement. A sensational story of a band of thieves and their final capture by the police. One of those really big productions packed full of exciting situations from beginning to end.

"The Scenario Writer."

A laughable Majestic comedy, in a full reel length.

BIJOU MOVIES make time fly. They satisfy the artistic eye; they thrill; they entertain and instruct; they bring laughter and delight to all.

DRAMAS THAT MAKE THE HEART THROB
COMEDIES THAT LIGHTEN DULL CARE
45 REELS WEEKLY TO SELECT OUR PROGRAMME FROM

THE MUTUAL PROGRAMME BRINGS 'EM.

BIG CHRISTMAS DAY BILL——FLORENCE LAWRENCE, IN

"The Closed Door"

Every movie fan knows Florence Lawrence, and regretted it when she decided to take a rest some time ago. Well, she has returned, and stronger and better than when she deserted the screen. There's no one like her. "The Closed Door" is a story that thrills at times, and goes straight to the heart. It is a story for grown men and women. The two long reels are gripping throughout. "The Closed Door" will be one of the greatest hits of the season, undoubtedly.

"The Silver-Tongued Orator."

A side-splitting comedy to end up the all-star Christmas day bill.

BIJOU

The Santa Claus Spirit Theatre

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26th.

"In the Watches of the Night"

A three-act Warner, full of tense situations that will make you grip your chair involuntarily. Marion Leonard, who leads this play, is one of the biggest favorites of the American screen stars. In this dramatic feature she has wonderful opportunities to display her remarkable talent, and the result is three reels of dramatic action that hold you enthralled through every scene.

"The Shop Girl's Big Day."

The shop girl is sent late at night to deliver some goods to a rich lady, among them a beautiful dress, parasol and hat. She conceives the idea of keeping them "just one day," and playing the lady herself. She meets with many mishaps, at last returning home a sadder but wiser girl.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

"The Trail of the Lonesome Mine"

There is a lot of good horseback riding in this picture, which will interest all lovers of Western pictures. The story is of a man falsely accused of being a horse thief, but who, with the aid of his wife and the wife of the sheriff, established his innocence. One of the strongest Nestor pictures.

"A Healthy Neighborhood."

Another one of those screamingly funny comedies. Dr. Noodles, a beginner, places banana skins on the sidewalks to get patients. It brought the patients, and a lot of good comedy, too.

"Private Box 23," and "Polyps."

An entertaining "Eclair" dramatic comedy, and a fine colored picture.

BIJOU MOVIES bring the greatest artists of the stage to delight those who desire to spend an evening of real pleasure for a tiny five cents.

MYSTERIES THAT FASCINATE AND THRILL
ROMANCES THAT MELT THE VERY HEART
WE GET OUR CHOICE FROM ALL THE BIG PICTURES

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PLEASANT FIELDS OF HOLY WRIT.

Save for my daily range
Among the pleasant fields of Holy Writ,
I might despair. —Tennyson.

The International Sunday-School Lesson.

Motto for this week: "The infant mind of the next generation is the most vulnerable point of the Nation." —Anon.

Fourth Quarter—Lesson XIII.
December 28, 1913.
THE QUARTERLY REVIEW: A DAY OF DECISION.

Twenty-five million people are to-day studying the vicissitudes of an obscure Syrian race of upwards of three thousand years ago. "What is the use of that? How can it be justified? Could not the time be better spent in the study, for example, of current events?" The answer is: 'This is a cross-section of human life. The very fact that the scene is so far away and the time so long ago frees the situation from local and current prejudices, which so often prevent clear judgment and right conclusions.' The Hebrews of the period under consideration were just men and women with hopes, fears and frailties exactly like our own. Their story is essentially that of human life in every age and everywhere. In this instance the story is exemplary—instructive, corrective, and inspirational. To any individual or mass of individuals seeking an ideal—ethical, social or spiritual—this pilgrim and pillar-led march is suggestive and helpful in the last degree. In point of fact, it is just a pictorial representation of humanity's age-long quest for the Ultimate Good. * * * No progress, either of the mass or of the individual, is a continuous triumphant ascent, unbroken by lapses more or less shameful. How true to nature, in this instance, is the stroke which represents the present ills of Israel as unbearable and magnifies the small comforts of Egypt into delicious luxuries. Over and over Israel had to matriculate in the expensive School of Experience, because, being fools, they could learn in no other. * * * What the people wanted was quails. They did not need them. For exemplary reasons, God gave them what they wanted. But the results were disastrous. What happened was a physiological effect of climate and temperature. Natural law is often sharp and sudden in its reprisals. God's bill-of-fare would have been better for them. Of this, all the graves in the wilderness were a witness. * * * The proverbial lonesomeness of moral leadership has pathetic illustration in Moses. But just when the condition had become insufferable the psychological hour had also come when partition of responsibility could be safely made. * * * It is a marvel of literature—the fidelity with which the Bible pictures the faults of its heroes. No effort is made to create a series of ideally perfect characters. That is what would have happened if it had been a cunningly devised fable. In this instance, for example, Aaron had been his brother's mate from the inception of the Exodus—while Miriam, his sister, had been the Virgin Mary of the Old Testament. Aaron was the incarnation of ecclesiasticism, the embodiment of objective religion, expressing itself in ritual. Miriam organized and voiced the praise of the people on every national deliverance. But it only took both of them a moment to fall from their high estate. The cause of it was very human. Miriam had been the "First lady in the land," and had liked being it. But Moses' wife appeared one day in the camp. Miriam, seeing herself about to be displaced, tried to retain her position by disparaging her brother. Aaron weakly followed her. But God nipped the insurrection in the bud. * * * Two men hang that jury of "spies"—Caleb and Joshua, dauntless souls, demand a hearing. They hush, for the moment, at least, the murmur of incipient rebellion. They admit the difficulties, but at the same moment sound that bugle call of faith, "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it!" But the ten faithless explorers reiterate the inability of Israel to cope with the "giants," and demoralization becomes complete. * * * The complaint of the people about that water famine would have been justified if God had not already paved the whole wilderness with His deliverances. They ought to have been able to anticipate the devout exclamation of David, "The Lord hath been mindful of us—he will bless us!" Instead of communing with God, however, they fussed among themselves, with the proverbial result of distrust and bitterness. The worst of it was that Moses himself lost poise and temper. His offense could not be condoned without lowering the moral tone of the whole people. His punishment was, therefore, exemplary. * * * Balak introduces something brand new in the science of war. It consisted in an attempted concentration of malevolent thought—a concert of evil-wishing against Israel—the psychological effect of which would be a subtle moral depression. Success depends on finding a prophet who could draw all into the league of hate. So Balak must have Balaam at any cost. Balaam's descent to hell makes a study in casuistry. His first step was vanity. The king's appeal flattered him. The second was cupidity. The glint of gold blinded him. * * * No human life was ever more full of scenic incident than that of Moses. From his wave-rocked cradle onward, it was a march of stirring events. But climax is reached in his death. The event was designed to be exemplary. He was a lawgiver, but he was also a law-breaker. He must, and did, suffer in the sight of the people the penalty of the law, which he not only gave, but which he also broke. * * * The call was now imperative for a great, determined, tactful, and inspirational leader. Joshua was God's savior for his people. Good blood was in his veins. The natural equipment was supplemented by experience. He had been a slave in the brick yards of Egypt—had witnessed the miracles of the Exodus—had been Moses' lieutenant in the wilderness. It was no novice who stepped to the fore in this crisis hour.

The ark, its golden surface glittering in the sunlight, is carried by priests, instead of Levites, and a thousand yards in advance, so that every eye could see it. Under the spreading wings of the cherubim, with their golden feathers, God's people were safe from flood and foe alike. When the feet of the priests, bearing the glittering palladium of Israel, dipped into the torrent, the floods stood still. So God opened Canaan to his people.

God's plan for the capture of Jericho was mortifying to the pride of military genius. Joshua's faith shone in the test. He laid all his military science at the feet of the greater Captain. He made the Lord's plan his plan. He put it into execution, in spite of friend's protest or foe's ridicule. The result was one of the most decisive and memorable victories of all human history.

Young People's Devotional Service.
December 28, 1913. (Mark 16:14-20.
Our Church at Work for the World.
(Foreign Missions.)

Freeborn Garrison once cried, "The world is my country! Men of all races are my countrymen!" He was a whole generation ahead of his time. The world is just beginning to catch up with him. But two thousand years before the great reformer the Bible had already expressed the noble ideal, "God hath made all men of one blood to dwell together upon the earth!" The last hermit nation has passed away. Universal travel, international commercial relations, immigration, and emigration have led to the most astonishing condition since time began. The most inveterate prejudice must needs admit that in this desirable consummation, foreign missions—to put it mildly—have played an important part.

WOODROW WILSON DONE IT.

(Written for The Star.)

The tariff question seems to be,
The greatest one among it,
And the men that's only 2x4,
Say Woodrow Wilson done it.

It's all for want of real good sense,
You may depend upon it,
That makes the little 2x4
Say Woodrow Wilson done it.

They say our land and mills no good,
We can't borrow money on it,
The tariff laws are just the cause,
And Woodrow Wilson done it.

You'll see these little 2x4s
Get together and down it,
And tell you that the tariff laws,
And Woodrow Wilson done it.

These little folks that own a mill
Or factory, say dog-on-it,
Money is scarce and tariff low,
And Woodrow Wilson done it.

There's a Wall Street man that's 8x10,
Who'll bet you money on it,
That the 2x4s have got it wrong,
That Woodrow Wilson done it.

Congressmen both North and South,
Will tell you and they'll hum it,
That Woodrow Wilson's not the man,
We are the men that done it.

Mexico is raising h——;
Who can keep her from it;
Woodrow Wilson if he tries
Will be the man that done it.

The stock law fence is the problem now,
Hurry up boys and run it!
Before the people begin to think
That Woodrow Wilson done it.

Never mind the race is run,
The Democrats they won it,
And the tariff laws are for the best,
If Woodrow Wilson done it.

—GASTON LEWIS, Kelly, N. C.

It is reported from Washington that the President has definitely decided to give ex-Governor Glenn a place on the International Boundary Commission, which pays $7,500 a year, and that there will be no Senatorial contest between him and Senator Overman. The two dined together in Washington Monday night.

By omitting any reference to either of them in its list of the greatest men of Kansas, the Kansas City Star leaves Joe Bristow and Vic Murdock in a half-satisfied frame of mind.

Fireworks—And the largest and finest assortment of Christmas candies ever shown in Wilmington. Warren's, Front and Market.—Advertisement. 9t.

Christmas slippers, all kinds, at Peterson & Rulfs. (advertisement.) de 19-21-23.

Pumping 1,000,000,000 Tons of Water a Year.

It costs quite a bit of money to pump one billion tons of water out of the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania every year, but it has to be done, or there would be no mines. In times past collieries were abandoned because of inability to cope with the water flowing into them, but more and more pumps, some of them costing thirty and forty thousand dollars each, have been installed, and the enormous amount of work they do is all that enables the operators to keep open the mines.

The calculation as to the amount of water handled in this way is simple. The output of the mines is a little less than 70,000,000 tons a year. The average amount of water pumped is about fifteen tons for every ton of coal produced. Therefore, the amount of water pumped is somewhat over a billion tons. The cost of this is one of the most important elements in the increased cost of mining. As the richer and more accessible veins have been exhausted, shafts have been sunk deeper and the volume of water to be pumped has increased rapidly.

Last year 120,000,000 tons of water were pumped out of the mines of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and over 180,000,000 tons out of the mines of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company. Many of the pumps have to be installed in chambers several hundred feet beneath the surface, while at some of the collieries the water is hoisted through a shaft in huge tanks.

More than 800,000 horsepower has been developed from streams on National forests under government regulation. This represents the output under conditions of lowest stream flow.

Christmas slippers, all kinds, at Peterson & Rulfs. (advertisement.) de 19-21-23.

Read Your Insurance Policies.

Before attempting any hasty or ill-advised decoration which may cause fire, examine your insurance contracts and see if the policies contain anything like this:

"This entire policy, unless otherwise provided by agreement endorsed hereon or added hereto, shall be void," etc., "if the hazard be increased by any means within the control or knowledge of the insured."

If you burn, you want your indemnity; do nothing, therefore, to impair your contract.—Insurance Department, Raleigh N. C.

CHINA'S PROBLEM.

How to Run the Government Without Foreign Money.

Peking, China, Dec. 20.—Extensive financial and administrative reforms are foreshadowed in a statement issued today by Premier Hsiung Hsi Ling, who also has charge of the department of finance. Nothing short of complete independence of foreign capital, as far as China's interior management is concerned, is aimed at by the premier, who is working on the formidable task at the behest of President Yuan Shi Kai.

The president and the premier hope to reduce expenses and increase revenues to a point where the two shall meet in the 1914 budget of the republic. The government's deficit for this year will be almost $100,000,000, and no staggering total such as this is to be recorded against 1914 if it possibly can be prevented.

The first step will be to put the breath of life into the present internal revenue system. The proposition to increase the customs dues is again hinted at in the premier's statement. The possibility of an attempt to float another domestic loan of considerable proportions is also referred to in a general way.

Although China's tariff on imports and exports and the internal movement of commerce averages a mere five per cent, by virtue of treaties entered into with the powers in 1902-3, and even though the monetary needs of the country are very great, Peking statesmen for months have been wondering whether they would be able to induce the other nations to consent to an advance of the republic's customs duties to at least 12 1-2 per cent. This advance would do more than any other one reform to put the new government on its feet, and negotiations looking toward a successful revision of the customs treaties have already been begun. A few years ago Great Britain refused to give any consideration to such a suggestion until China should carry out some of the provisions of the treaties, such as the reform of the currency or the abolition of internal boundary duties (likin). Is she likely to do better now? Cannot China at least make a serious beginning of such reforms?

DENMARK, A COUNTRY RULED BY PEASANTS.

The Best Educated Country in the World.

Denmark, I learned, was not unlike the other countries of Europe a generation ago. The farmers were ignorant and poor. When Germany took Schleswig-Holstein, the choicest part of the country, in 1864, the patriotism of the people was awakened. They saw that they must make the most of their little country. The change began with a new system of education, from which we might learn much in America. It was designed to stimulate interest in agriculture and things that people use in their daily lives. The school is a mirror of life and is planned as such. I attended one of the high schools, which are unlike any school I have ever seen. The courses are of five months' duration, and the boys and men attend in the winter and the girls in the summer. The students are of all ages. There are no examinations and no text books, and there is no uniformity in the courses offered. But I found the most wonderful enthusiasm. Nobody watched the clock. Work continued all day and even into the evening. Danish literature was taught, as were bookkeeping and business. There were classes in dairying, chemistry and the management of co-operative societies. Danish history was emphasized, for the original motive of the school was patriotism.

To attend one of these schools is the ambition of the peasants. To this they look forward. For it they save. There are 42 of these high schools in this little State of but two and a half million people and with an area about the size of Massachusetts. The tuition, which includes board and residence for five months, is but $40, and the minimum age of entrance is 18 years, so that the students are all mature.

The high schools are but part of a very wonderful educational system, a system that has made Denmark the best educated country in the world. Those who cannot read amount to only two one-hundredths of one per cent, as compared with seven one-hundredths in Germany. Illiteracy in England is 500 times what it is in Denmark. Even America does not teach its people so universally as does Denmark.—Frederic C. Howe, in the January Metropolitan.

The Indianapolis maid who engineered a plot all by her lonely through becoming engaged to 50 men at once, could have made a bigger pile by selling the secret to her less fortunate sisters.

START OF THE RED CROSS

(Continued from Page Nine.)

the heroes of Antietam and Fredericksburg.

Across the waters of the ocean, her sweet labor followed the flag of the saintly Red Cross through the Franco-Prussian war.

When stricken America cried out for help in 1896, it was Clara Barton who led the relief corps of salvation and sustenance.

A woman leading in answering the responsibility of obligation to the world.

When McKinley's khaki boys struck the iron from Cuba's bandages, it was Clara Barton, in her 77th year, who followed to the fever-ridden tropics to lead in the relief work on Spanish battleground.

She is known wherever man appreciates humanity.

The whole civilized world owes Clara Barton more than it can pay in the form of tributes or material monuments. The only way that debt can be paid to the woman who has been a sister to all men, is for men to proceed to abolish the war spirit which made the Red Cross a necessity.

Clara Barton, one of the world's greatest women, and as time makes us see more clearly what she accomplished, greater luster will be given her name, and the great adjuster will write her in history high up among the noblest and best of all ages. As the guiding genius of the Red Cross, she needs no monument. Her name will live in the hearts of all people, and her work will endure far beyond the time when "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" will be the universal law. Her spirit, white as the driven snow, has been wafted by angels to the "Land of the Seal," and there the Maiden Mother of the Red Cross has been greeted by kindred souls and those to whom she ministered on earth. Blessed be her name forever.

We are born for a higher dealing than that on earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades. Where the stars will spread out before us like the islands that slumber on the ocean, and where the beautiful beings that here pass before us like visions will stay in our presence forever.

She Hath Gone to Her Reward.

In the balmy air of the sunset, and amid the thrill of fresh migrated birds on the forests' edge, and the sweet piping of the frogs in the Oxford marshes, they left her, according to her wish. Verily, "The Shadow of the Cross Arose Upon a Lonely Hill," and there a path, the feet of the world will tread to the end of time.

The Blending of Crosses.

The Red Cross so firmly established in Europe and America by two eminent women, will go on till the millennium if necessary—or until at least—men have turned their swords into plowshares, and peace and brotherhood are abroad in the world.

Clara Barton, Born December 25th, 1821, Oxford, Mass.; Translated April 12th, 1912, Glen Echo, Md.

Alas, in the far beyond, in the golden and joyful ages, stands the Cross of Christ, where the sunbeams of glory forever gild its sacred bars. Where the aged halo never fades. Where man can lay his armour down, when life's labors cease, and the God of Mercy inscribes His eternal tribute, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

PICK OF 400.

Patchogue Man's Advertisement for Wife Brought Many Offers.

(New York World.)

Ernest W. Darrow advertised for a wife last May and 400 women answered by letter, by telegraph, by telephone, or went in person to his home in Patchogue. In his advertisement Darrow, who is a contracting mason, announced that he made $50 a week, that he had four motherless children, and would give the proper wife $40 a week for the support of the children and herself and household expenses.

He will be married to Miss Julia Stagg, an English girl, who landed in Canada, from England nine months ago and went to live in Brooklyn.

Just how Miss Stagg won against the other 399 entries in the marriage stakes, neither she nor Darrow would tell yesterday, but it was admitted that his advertisement had something to do with bringing them together. In fact, they met about the time Darrow was being pestered by many other applicants.

Darrow, who is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Patchogue, left his wife several years ago. In his opinion his children will be much more comfortable with a stepmother to look after them.

When Yuan begins to take a hopeful view of the future the executioner feels the time has come to put a new edge on the ax.

WARRANTS ISSUED.

By the City Council of the City of Wilmington for the Month of November, 1913.

485	Standard Supply Company	Supplies (W. & S.)	$ 115.08
486	C. H. White	Pay Roll	925.04
487	Alfred White	Brick Mason	25.00
488	W. L. DeRosset	Macomber's Ditch	150.00
489	Jos. F. Craig	Repairs—Market	90.00
490	Board of Health	Budget Appropriation	1,000.00
491	Thos. Quinlivan & Son	Shoeing Horses	65.55
492	Thos B. Carroll	Veterinary Services	8.00
493	Wil. Stamp and Printing Co.	Printing	27.50
494	Atlantic Coast Line	Freight and Switching	359.28
495	C. H. White	Pay Roll	3,170.33
496	W. L. DeRosset	Macomber's Ditch	95.00
497	C. E. Taylor Jr	Printing Bonds	50.00
498	Murchison National Bank	Bills Payable	3,710.00
499	Harrison Bros. & Co	Supplies—W. and S	533.61
500	Edward Hills Sons & Co.	Supplies—W. and S	249.41
501	C. H. White	Pay Roll	946.39
502	W. A. McGowan	Legal Costs	4.80
503	Commercial Printing Co	Printing	3.50
504	J. L. Becton	Contract—Street Work	396.00
505	William L. DeRosset	Front Street Contract Work	180.00
506	Alfred White	Brick Mason	25.00
507	J. H. Mack	Work—Macomber's Ditch	104.25
508	Jos. F. Craig	Repairs—City Hall	50.00
509	Barrett Mfg. Co	Disinfectants—Sanitary	39.00
510	C. B. Wessell	Motor Cycle—Police	175.00
511	Thos. D. Meares, Treas.	Coupons	11,513.75
512	C. H. White	Incidentals	14.60
513	Kentucky Horse and Mule Co	Horse—Street Department	200.00
514	Queen City Cycle Co	Repairs—Police	11.70
515	C. H. White	Pay Roll	952.84
516	Murchison National Bank	Note	5,000.00
517	H. L. Colwell	Repairs—Clock	2 50
518	W. L. DeRosset	Front Street Contract Work	520.00
519	Murchison National Bank	Interest	50.00
520	N. J. Williams	Detectives	12.75
521	Seaboard Air Line	Freight	44.10
522	C. H. White	Pay Roll	4,834.48
523	S. C. Winner	Repairs—Clock, F. D	1.50
524	Jas. Walker Memo. Hospital	Appropriation	500.00
525	Red Cross Society	Appropriation	125.00
526	C. W. Polvogt Co	Supplies—W. and S	6.20
527	J. L. Mott Iron Works	Supplies—W. and S	52.50
528	Thomas & Smith	Construction of Sewerage	1,100.00
529	J. W. Fuchs	Uniforms—Fire Dept	533.75
530	D. Newman & Son	Horse Blankets—Police	24.00
531	Eugene Dietzen Co	Supplies—Engineer Dept	16.45
532	W. E. Merritt	Sundries—W. and S	43.13
533	C. S. Burnett	Hire of Auto.—W. and S	9.38
534	Southern Map Co	Blue Prints	3.42
535	Orrell Livery Company	Buggy Hire—Fire Dept.	2.50
536	Carolina Metal Products Co	Supplies—Street Dept.	32.85
537	Jos. Sherrock	Commission	2.80
538	H. F. Farrow	Commission	13.20
539	Wilmington Star Company	Printing and Advertising	16.04
540	Haines Photo. Co	Photos—Advertising	15.00
541	C. H. White	Pay Roll	960.59
542	American National Bank	Notes	45,000.00
543	J. L. Becton	Contract Street Work	500.00
544	Alfred White	Brick Mason	20.00
545	Capps-Griffith Plumbing Co	Plumbing	1.10
546	L. A. Bilbro	Harness Repair	9.35
547	W. A. Spencer	Damages	5.45
548	Chadbourn Lumber Co	Lumber—Street Dept	13.44
549	W. Munroe & Co	Furniture—Fire Dept	26.10
550	Elvington Pharmacy	Drugs—Street Dept	3.25
551	Cape Fear Oil Co	Gasoline and Oil	20 38
552	J. T. & J. O. Brown	Harness Repairs	63.85
553	Thos. Quinlivan & Son	Shoeing Horses	48.25
554	W. B. Thorpe & Co	Cemept—Lime, Etc	62.30
555	Cape Fear Machine Works	Repairs—W. and S	6.75
556	D. Quinlivan	Shoeing Teams	36.70
557	Queen City Cycle Co	Repairs—Police	5.45
558	City Livery Co	Supplies—Police	9.00
559	Roger Moore's Sons & Co.	Brick, Etc	41.84
560	Thos. B. Carroll	Veterinary Services	19.00
561	Jacobi Hardware Co	Supplies—W. and S	20.35
562	B. F. Mitchell	Feed for Teams	646 08
563	Peck & Holloway	Supplies—Police	10 26
564	Cape Fear Gravel Co	Clay Gravel	318.00
565	Standard Oil Co	Gasoline, Oil, Etc.—Fire	42.42
566	Jackson & Bell Co	Printing	4.25
567	Dun's Service	Supplies—W. and S	15.30
568	American LaFrance F. E. Co	Supplies—Fire Dept.	4.20
569	Atlantic Coast Line	Freight and Switching	545.71
570	Tidewater Power Co	Street Lighting, Etc	1,509.94
571	A. P. W. Paper Co	Toilet Paper	35 33
572	Board of Health	Monthly Appropriation	1,625.00
573	Southern Bell Tel. Co	Telephones	35.35
574	LeGwin Printing Co	Printing	16.00
575	J. S. McEachern & Sons	Feed for Teams	44.28
576	Hodges Bros	Repairs—W. and S.	3.50
577	Century Tool and Metal Co	Supplies—W. and S	41.50
578	E. O. Thomas	Testing Sand—W. andS	10.00
579	Sherwood Mfg. Co	Supplies—W. and S.	19.20
580	Valvoline Oil Co	Oil—W. and S	39.75
581	Walker Taylor	Insurance	3.00
582	Pittsburgh Filter Co	Supplies—W. and S	216.00
583	Meares Harriss	Printing —W. and S.	3.50
584	Evening Dispatch	Printing Etc.—W. and S	30.50
585	Postal Tel. Co	Telegrams	10.29
586	Smith Roofing Co	Repairing Roof—Fire Dept.	9.40
587	C. W. Yates & Co	Office Supplies, Etc.	4.85
588	S. F. Hayward & Co.	Supplies—Fire Dept	47.74
589	Hyman Supply Co	Supplies—W. and S	4.00
590	M. C. Lilly & Co	Caps, Etc.—Police Dept.	7.40
591	Plate Ice Co	Ice	12.90
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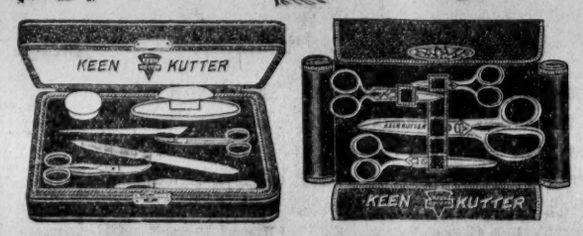

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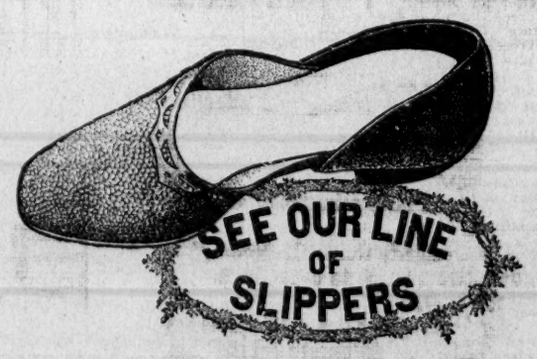

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY of New Hanover.—In the Superior Court, October Term, A. D. 1913.
M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn, vs. Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company—Advertisement.
Whereas, at the October Term, A. D. 1913, of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in a cause pending wherein M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn were plaintiffs and Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company defendants, a judgment or decree was entered in said cause, appointing the undersigned Commissioner, and in and by said decree the undersigned, as Commissioner, was authorized and directed, after advertising the same for thirty days, to sell at public auction the following described property, to-wit: Six Hundred (600) Shares of the Capital Stock of the Ocean Fisheries Company and the indebtedness due by the Ocean Fisheries Company, amounting to the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Four and 93-100 ($26,104.93) Dollars to the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company, together with the rights of the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company against the Ocean Fisheries Company, on said indebtedness;
Now, Therefore, in pursuance to the said decree, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1913, at 12 o'clock M., on said day, at the Court House door, expose for sale by public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the above-described property.
E. K. BRYAN,
Commissioner.
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GOTHAM NEEDS $48,000,000 TO RUN CITY NEXT YEAR

Preliminary Estimates Just Submitted Show Increase of Nearly $4,000,000—Police Department With $18,000,000—Biggest Single Item—Gang of Plumbing Thieves Get Rich Quick—Century Old Tenements to Go.

New York, Dec. 20.—Estimates of their needs for 1914 have been handed to the Board of Estimate by the heads of the various departments connected with the running of the municipal government. The total appropriations asked for amount to $48,088,510.65 being an increase of $3,734,017.00 over the amount required during the past year. Big increases are asked for by both the Fire Department and the Police Department, two of Father Knick-erbocker's biggest items of expense. The Police Commissioner estimates that it will cost $18,355,395.58 to run department, this being an increase of $1,617,324.12 over the amount allotted to him during 1913. For fighting fires Fire Commissioner asks for $9,936,399.-46 an increase of $990,454,06. Another noted increase is asked by the Department of Health. The 1913 appropriation for this branch was $3,366,-219.50. The Commissioner of Health figures that it will require $331,005.52 more than that or $3,697,225.02, to do his work efficiently in 1914. The same approximate rate of increase is maintained throughout the list with the exception of the Board of City Record, Department of Parks in Brooklyn and the Department of Bridges, these estimating that they can manage on a less appropriation than was required by them for 1913.

Further proof that the thieves of Gotham do not confine themselves wholly to the stealing of money, Jewels and securities, but that they will steal almost anything from a stove with a fire in it to a hotel soup kettle, was brought out recently by a Committee of Contractors who complained to the Police Department that an organized gang of plumbing thieves were operating in the various buildings which are being erected throughout the city, and that during the last twelve months they had stolen more than $100,000,00 worth of plumbing fixtures. The method employed by this gang is always the same. Contractors with big jobs usually keep the most of their fittings in a shanty outside the building. This shanty as well as the building is guarded by one watchman. Several nights before the gang intends to make its raid, one or two of the members will scrape up an acquaintance with the watchman and as soon as they become friends they proceed to get him drunk. While this is going on the other members of the gang will drive up with a truck and empty the shanty. In several cases they have even gone into the building and uncoupled the fixtures already in place. This gang is particulary fond of galvanized fittings, brass and nickle faucets and tools. It is said that they find a market for their plunder by selling it to low grade supply houses who in turn often resell it to the contractor from which it has been stolen at full market prices.

"Quality Row" as the famous old tenements belonging to the Trinity Church Corporation are called is to be razed. These tenements are located on Varick Street which is now in the heart of the busiest section of the lower west side. Many of their occupants who have lived in them for more than half a century are to be shunted out into the streets to look for new abodes. Among the buildings to be razed is the old St. Johns Chapel which half a century ago was crowded on Sundays with thousands of persons who lived in the neighborhood before the upbuilding of the wholesale district as a business center swept away their residences and drove them to other quarters. But it is in the case of the old time residents that the most interest centres. Before, Varick Street was merely a respectable residential district. Some of the property the Trinity Corporation obtained on a grant from England in the olden days and three-story brick buildings were built on it from time to time. As the years went by the once polished doorknobs, the dustless stone steps and the snow white doors became broken off dimmed and tarnished beyond reclaim and Quality Row became the target of the social investigators who classed it as dirty, unsanitary and generally unfit for residential purposes. Nevertheless these old tenements are held dear to those to whom they have been homes for many years. But the old homes must make room for the subways and modern office buildings. Therefore within a few days Quality Row will have passed on as so many of the landmarks of the New York of a century ago have gone.

Danger From Fires at Christ-Mas Time.

"Unsafe Christmas displays are the source of most holiday fires," says the State insurance commissioner, "and holiday fires are probably the most dangerous to human life of any that occur. Churches, stores, and bazaars are usually crowded with people at the time they are most elaborately decorated, and fires occurring then almost invariably result in panic, with an accompanying loss of life."

For the past few weeks many folders and bulletins explaining the precautions which should be taken by merchants and decorators upon the approach of the Christmas season have been received at the insurance department.

These bulletins show the danger of tinsel and paper decorations, particularly when these materials are draped about lights. Such flimsy materials are highly inflammable, and they burst into flame so easily that they carry fire in all directions without a moment's warning.

In churches and bazaars, especially in the smaller cities in the State, open gas jets are extremely hazardous during times of Christmas decoration. Air currents often carry long paper streamers or other pieces of decoration into the blaze, and fire spreads over the whole building before any steps for prevention can be taken. Because of the dangers from matches, cigars and cigarettes, the insurance commissioner urges that smoking within public buildings be forbidden throughout the Christmas season.

CUPID A "QUEER KID."

Beginning and Ending of Romance in Which Not a Word Was Spoken.

(Huntington, W. Va., Dispatch to N. Y. Herald.)

For two years persons living near the railroad tracks here have watched for the Overland freight, which is due through here at 4:30 in the afternoon. To those who were disinterested watchers the event simply meant a glimpse at the 'mad fireman," as they called him, for as the train whirled by here that member of the crew would hang out of the cabin, wave a piece of waste or a handkerchief in the direction of the long hill and presently throw kisses until the train was out of sight. "Some nut" was the verdict of the spectators.

But away up on the hill Miss Sylvey Price, standing on the veranda of her father's house, waited for the daily performance, and when it had ended sighed "some dream." She had never spoken to the fireman, but more than two years ago began to correspond with him. He waved each day, and finally one day when she stood on the platform at the little railroad station he dropped a card with his name and address near her.

The courtship began by correspondence and continued until all arrangements had been made for their marriage. She had never heard his voice, and her only impressions of him were obtained from his letters and his performance at the door of the engine.

Last week Miss Price went to Ashland, Ky., to be married to the fireman, who corresponded with her under the name of F. L. Francis. She waited at the church for hours and then went to the railroad offices. No one of that name was employed there, she was told. She returned to her home heartbroken. Next day the Overland pulled through the town; an old man was stoking the engine, and he didn't even look up.

Cupid's a queer kid, isn't he?

BEAUTIFYING THE CITY.

Every successful attempt to adorn a city lot, a suburban place, or a park has a valuable influence upon the community in which it is situated. It furnishes an object lesson which others will attempt to follow, and in this way it serves a useful purpose of stimulating in others a love for the beautiful in nature. Fortunately, the beauty which is produced by ornamental plantings cannot be selfishly kept for the exclusive use of its owner; every passer-by can take the full measure of his capacity without in the least detracting from the value of the plantation to its owner. Every person who plants a tree is a public benefactor

Trees are beautiful in form and color, inspiring a constant appreciation of nature.

Trees enhance the beauty of architecture.

Trees create sentiment, love of country, city, State and home.

Trees have an educational influence upon citizens of all ages, especially children.

Trees encourage outdoor life.

Trees purify the air.

Trees cool the air in Summer and radiate warmth in Winter.

Trees improve climate, conserve soil and moisture.

Trees furnish a resting place and shelter for birds.

Trees increase the value of real estate.

Trees counteract adverse conditions of city life.

Although prompt to deny errors in past contract awards, Tammany can't say as much about those in the future until it has seen who gets them.

No sooner are the Filipinos declared ready for self-government than a pesky explorer has to find a lot of new tribes that never heard of the Constitution.

Now that he has been called upon to judge a question of social precedence, it may be seriously doubted whether the President will ever recover his voice.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst has been released from jail in London.

It takes a mighty good man to know how mean he is.

TO EVERYWOMAN'S HUSBAND, SON AND BROTHER.

No man is greater than his resolution. Success, like charity, must begin at home. Society does not help those who do not help themselves. The world neither elects nor selects its leaders. It acknowledges their superiority only after the individual has forced his fellows to recognize his strength.

You must uncover your talents before your neighbors can discover them. Form the acquaintance of your latent self. There's a superior being lurking within almost every commonplace human, unable to assert his individuality because his other self won't give him a hearing. In your heart of hearts, you know that you have never explored your hidden store of instincts and attributes. During the past twelve months, you have probably not made one earnest attempt to drag your bigger personality out of its concealment. You've accepted conditions as you found them—not that you aren't aware that a hundred changes could be made right in your own community. Time and again you've remarked that some fellow ought to take hold of things and put some spirit into the town.

You're the man. You don't have to look farther; simply execute the very ideas that you're leaving for an unknown to develop. Nobody can limit your future if you remove your self-imposed limits. Possibilities become probabilities as soon as they are seriously attempted.

So, here's hoping that [illegible] New Year brings you to yourself. Faith is the key to every treasure [illegible] well as Heaven. Nineteen-fourten offers you another chance. [illegible]erbert Kaufman in Woman's World for January.

Boys and Girls Who Have Won National Fame as Letter Writers

First Announcement of Awards In National Letter Writing Contest, In Which More Than 20,000 School Children Competed For Prizes

WHO shall now say that letter writing is a lost art in these United States? A successful country wide contest among the school children of the land has just proved conclusively that our boys and girls at least are fully capable of clear, vigorous expression through the printed word.

With the purpose to "stimulate interest in letter writing, to develop observation among school children and to interest them in the origin and development of inventions that have become important economic factors in our civilization," the Remington Literary Committee of New York city recently offered, through the public schools of the United States, 2,100 prizes, consisting of 100 five dollar gold pieces, 1,000 Tiffany medals of rich design and 1,000 handsomely engraved certificates of merit for the best letters of two to three hundred words based upon the lately published book, "A New Chapter In an Old Story," which covers the romantic history of the development of firearms and ammunition making.

Prizes were offered in four classes: Class A for children ten to eleven years of age; Class B, twelve to thirteen; Class C, fourteen to fifteen, and Class D, sixteen years of age and over. There were three principal prizes in each class, and an equal number of all prizes were allotted to each class, so that each pupil should compete on equal terms and only with others of his own age.

Wide Interest In Contest.

Soon after the announcement of the contest entries came in a flood from every corner of Uncle Sam's dominions. With the receipt of the book, which was presented to the libraries in schools where pupils were to compete, the prize letters began to pour into the office of the committee. In all, more than 20,000 live, vivid messages were received. They came from such wide opposites as the New York city boy who rides to school in the subway and from the wee girl in the interior of California (a winner) who "had to go 110 miles to find a photographer" to have the photo taken which is reproduced in connection with this story.

Attracted by the genuine value of the letters submitted, a distinguished board of judges consented to attempt the enormous task of selecting the winners. The chairman of the board was President John H. Finley, LL. D., of the College of the City of New York. Others were Dr. Talcott Williams, LL. D., Litt. D., director of the school of journalism at Columbia university; Herbert L. Bridgman, M. A., the explorer and historian, who is the vice president of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, publisher of the Brooklyn Standard Union and author of several important works; Hudson Maxim, the inventor, and Harry Chase Brearley, editor and journalist of note and author of "Animal Secrets," etc., secretary of the board.

The decision of this eminent board, made after a careful perusal of the letters, creates the following:

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CLASS A.

Henry Francis Wilson, Salem, N. Y.; Emily Grace Horr, Dixieland, Cal.; Bennett Wolfe, Morrisville, Mo.

CLASS B.

Wanda S. Isaac, Freeman, S. D.; Lucille Hilsheimer, Madison Mills, O.; Margaret L. Hess, Laura, O.

CLASS C.

Mark R. Sullivan, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Annie Robertson, Menlo, Ga.; George McCarthy, Lysander, N. Y.

CLASS D.

Macy F. Lanice, Bay Shore, N. Y.; Lynn Ernest Bradley, Waterville, O.; Mary M. Hughes, St. Regis Falls, N. Y.

The first twenty-five in each class have each received a medal and a five dollar gold piece, the first, second and third winners in each class receiving special medals. One thousand others received medals only and 1,000 certificates.

Farmer Boy Wins First Place.

Letter No. 1 in Class A was written by Henry Francis Wilson, a bright faced boy who was born in Hebron, N. Y., on the same farm where his father and grandfather were born and who now lives in the country near Salem, N. Y. He wrote:

I have read your book "A New Chapter In an Old Story" and liked it real well.

I liked the part where the savage was in a tight place with the bear and he picked up a sharp stone and threw it at the bear and gave himself a chance to run away, because he did just what we boys do when we are in a tight place.

I liked the part about the bow and arrows, because I made one last winter out of a little bamboo fishpole, a piece of rawhide and a piece of a rack you hang towels on.

A little boy is a good deal like the people of olden times, because he throws stones when he is five years old and when he is eight years old he uses a slingshot that he makes out of a crotched stick and a piece of rubber elastic. For ammunition he can use little stones and peas. At eleven years old he uses a bow and arrow that he can make out of hickory or bamboo.

The man that made the first Remington rifle as a boy was a good deal like me when it came to asking papa for things and not getting them.

A Western Girl Heads Class B.

Wanda Isaac, age thirteen, of Freeman, S. D., wrote:

I was especially interested in the full page pictures in the book which show the progress of firearms. The following is the story which the picture on the front cover tells me:

Ray Kensington had had wonderful success during the hunting season. Animals of all descriptions had fallen prey to his Remington with its "U. M. C." ammunition.

As he pondered he had a vision in which a cave man, Robin Hood, the hunter with crossbow, and men with old fashioned guns appeared to him. They were all much surprised at the perfection of his weapon.

The cave man spoke: "You have beyond doubt a wonderful means of defense in your hands, but when confronted by a savage bear I hurled at him a jagged rock, and when I invented the sling I took the first steps. Do not forget me."

"And me," said Robin Hood. "I used the long bow in Sherwood forest, and it served me well. It was but another step toward the perfect weapon held in your hands."

"And my crossbow shall not be forgotten," rejoined the second hunter. "It was the first practical step toward guns." * * *

"Mountain School" Lad Leads Class C.

Mark Sullivan, fifteen years of age, lives in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and attends the "Mountain School" in Ulster county of the same state. His letter, the best in Class C, is in part:

In a pleasant valley of that country which is now called France there lived before the era of the great ice sheet a clan of cave men.

The only enemy of the clansmen was a great saber tooth tiger, which had a cave far up upon a mountain side. Every winter as the time approached for the tiger to go south the men would keep an eager watch upon the cave, because when he had gone they would enter and live there during the colder months of the winter. * * * Saber Tooth returned unexpectedly.

A daring plan instantly flashed into the mind of Strongarm, the chief. The men with their rude stone weapons would never dare to attack the tiger, so Strongarm ordered them to bring a large elk's hide. This he fashioned into a bag, which was filled with stones. He then cut a strong oaken pole, and after putting a spear head halfway down the shaft. Several men helped carry his weapon to the tree under which Saber Tooth was sleeping. Slowly it was raised and poised above the sleeping tiger. The men retreated to the cave, and then Strongarm cut the thong. Down plunged the weighted shaft, pinning Saber Tooth to the ground. * * *

Big City Boy "D" Class Winner.

Macy F. Lanice, of Bay Shore, N. Y., aged 17, who was first in class D, saw the literary and artistic side of the book. He wrote:

The plot and style are the work of a real author. Uninteresting details are made vivid * * * big, cumbersome guns of olden times are invested with romance, the tedious stages of the advancement of civilization from the earliest ages are skillfully interwoven with the steps of the steady advance of Remington arms and the whole made to read like fiction.

Surely this contest has brought forth from young America an unmistakable denial of the charge that our country is deficient in letter writing ability. Along with this denial has come a wealth of matter that will give teachers, writers and even parents a new appreciation of the wonder working mind of youth.

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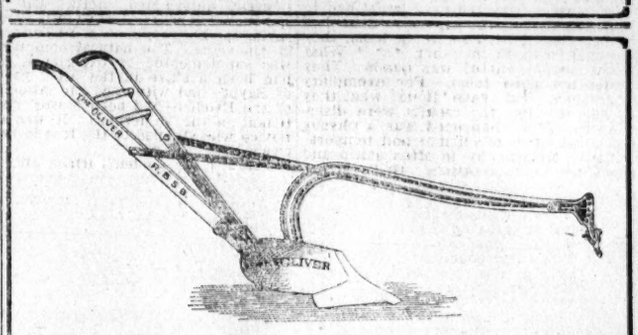

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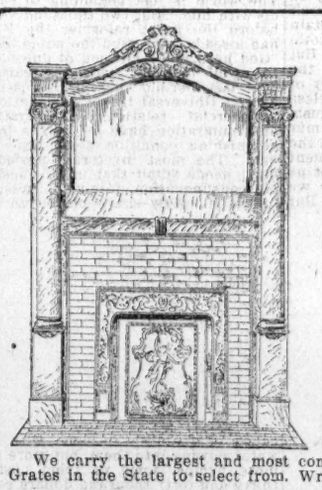

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Borrowing and Taxing Powers of North Carolina Municipalities

(Commercial and Financial Chronicle)

Owing to constitutional and statutory restrictions on the borrowing and taxing powers of municipalities in the South, purchasers of bonds of Southern municipalities are often confronted with peculiar difficulties. These difficulties and proposed remedies are discussed in a letter written recently by Mr. W. Henry Hoyt, of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, to one of the executive officers of North Carolina, which we print below. While the letter deals particularly with the situation in but one State, that State may be taken as typical of most of the Southern States in this respect.

New York, Sept. 27, 1913.

Dear Sir:—An opportunity has not until now presented itself to comply with your request for a letter stating the views in regard to restrictions in the constitution of North Carolina on taxation and the incurring of public indebtednes which I mentioned to you in conversation in Raleigh last summer. Recently I have read the "Report of the Commission on Constitutional Amendments to Governor Locke Craig," made July 18, 1913, dealing with the same subject, and I beg to add some comments on that report.

The constitution of North Carolina contains one of the most elaborate systems of restrictions of this character to be found in American constitutions. Nearly the whole of the system has been in the constitution since its adoption in 1868, and it is due principally to the change made at that period in the forces controlling the government of the State. Prior to 1868 such restrictions were unknown in North Carolina. The present constitution is in this respect typical of Southern constitutions adopted since the war of 1861-1865. Northern constitutions, on the other hand, allow to legislatures and municipal authorities a large freedom in financial matters. The conditions to which this diversity is due have been greatly modified or no longer exists. The experience of 45 years has shown serious defects in the practical working of some of these limitations, and the progress made in the science of public finance has made it doubtful whether they are wise.

The first provisions to which I shall call your attention are contained in section 14, of article II:

"No law shall be passed to raise money on the credit of the State, or to pledge the faith of the State, directly or indirectly, for the payment of any debt, or to impose any tax upon the people of the State, or allow the counties, cities or towns to do so, unless the bill for the purpose shall have been read three several times in each house of the General Assembly and passed three several readings, which readings shall have been on three different days, and agreed to by each house respectively, and unless the yeas and nays on the second and third readings of the bill shall have been entered on the journal."

The object of these provisions is to prevent hasty and ill-advised legislation concerning financial matters. If their enforcement were left to the General Assembly, they might be unobjectionable. But the courts of North Carolina hold it to be their duty to declare invalid laws not passed in conformity with these provisions, and to determine for themselves, by examination of the journals of the General Assembly, whether there has been compliance. The consequence is that no one can safely rely on a law relating to matters referred to in this section until he has taken the trouble to search through the original journals or exemplified copies. Many men are ignorant of this fact, or forget it, or trust to luck that the document which they find in the statute book, certified by the Secretary of State, and free from constitutional defects on its face, is a valid law. The chief sufferers have been the purchasers of municipal bonds issued pursuant to statutes not enacted in strict conformity with these provisions.

Professional experience in the examination of municipal bonds has made the above-stated objection to this section of the constitution impress me more than any other. Other objections, perhaps equally forcible, are that the legislative journals, kept by the clerk, may be, either through error or fraud, less reliable than the certificate of authentication made by the presiding officers of the two houses of the Legislature, and that the function of determining matters of fact as to its own conduct and within its own cognizance is exclusively a function of the Legislature.

The constitution of nearly all of the States contain requirements as to readings of bills and the vote thereon. The question whether the courts will accept as final the enrolled bill, authenticated by the presiding officers of the two houses and approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State, or whether they will examine the journals to see whether the requirements of the constitution have been observed, is a question on which the decisions are in hopeless contradiction and confusion. Since the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Field vs. Clark, 143 U. S., 649, the weight of autnority has tended more and more to support the former alternative. Practical considerations such as I have indicated above have been responsible in the main for this result. In those States, however, where, as in North Carolina, the constitution goes further and expressly makes an entry of yeas and nays in the journal as a necessary step in the enactment of a law, the courts have generally been constrained to regard the journal as the sole evidence of fulfillment of this requirement. To illustrate the operation of this rule, I shall quote the Supreme Court of Nebraska (State vs. Frank, 60 Neb. 327.)

"In this case we have made a very careful examination of the journal of the house. For so important a public record, it is, we must say, strangely fashioned—wonderfully made. It consists of loose sheets of paper bound together with a frayed and fragile twine. The vote on roll cal is shown by attaching with a pin or mucilage a printed list of the members voting twine. The vote on roll call is shown ing the question upon which the vote was taken. The sheet containing the record of the vote on House Roll 251, the bill here in question, indicates that some other paper was once fastened to it with a pin. The other paper, which, according to the evidence, showed the yea and nay vote, is gone; the pin has disappeared and counsel for respondent insists that the law has gone with it."

This troublesome section of the constitution should be stricken out, or there should be added a provision to the effect that the requirements as to procedure in the enactment of laws by the General Assembly and as to entries on its journals, are addressed to the judgment, discretion and conscience of that body; that an enrolled law, authenticated by the presiding officers of the two houses, shall be conclusive evidence of the fulfillment of all such requirements; and that a printed copy of the law, published by the Secretary of State, shall be prima facie evidence of the same. Such a provision would not make the restrictions in question a dead letter. It should be remembered that legislators as well as judges are sworn to support the constitution. The inconveniences arising from judicial surveillance, if nothing else, are in this case too large a price to pay for any possible benefit it may confer.

Closely allied to these requirements as to legislative procedure is the prohibition of "local, private or special" legislation in certain cases (including several matters touching public finance), recommended in the report of the Constitutional Commission. The most important object of the proposed change is, no doubt, to prevent the evils of legislation enacted by the votes of representatives indifferent to it because their immediate constituencies are not affected. To attain that object prohibitions of special legislation have been put into the constitutions of many States during the past 35 years. Experience has shown that they are, as a rule, too broad and sweeping, and productive of more evil than they prevent. The expediency and necessity of peculiar legislative provisions for peculiar circumstances and requirements have compelled the courts, in spite of such prohibitions, to sustain, as general, laws which apply only to a particular class of those subjects as to which special legislation is prohibited.

Obviously, by selecting suitable characteristics of the subject for which legislation is desired, the so-called general law may be made to apply to a class consisting of only one member. in this way and by means of statutes which by their terms are to become operative only in those localities which accept them by popular vote or otherwise, the constitution is evaded. But classification is not a matter of unlimited legislative discretion. The classification must, according to the prevailing view, be germane to the purpose of the law, and the characteristics upon which the classification is based must be of such a nature as will in some degree account for the limited application of the law. For instance, if the Constitutional Commission should succeed in obtaining the prohibition of special legislation "authorizing the laying out, opening, altering, maintaining or discontinuing highways, streets, or alleys," a law authorizing Wake county, by name, to improve its roads and issue bonds for that purpose would clearly be unconstitutional because special. A good roads law for all counties would probably be general even though city streets were not subject to its provisions, while a good roads law for counties having a population of over 40,000 would probably be special.

The rule above laid down as a test of what are general laws is frequently so difficult to apply that no one can tell whether a given law is constitutional until it has been passed upon by the court of last resort. Judge Dillon, in his "Commentaries on the Law of Municipal Corporations," says:

"What is a 'general act' and what is a 'special act' * * * might have appeared to the framers of the constitution to be questions easy of solution. But if so, the result has proved otherwise, and these questions are among the most difficult and perplexing which the courts have had to meet. Their number and variety are almost infinite, and the results in many respects are very unsatisfactory and inharmonious, as the present chapter abundantly shows. They present a veritable judicial labyrinth, with no certain clue to guide the public or the profession. * * * Special legislation in some form is often necessary, and it should be allowed, but carefully safeguarded, much in the same way or on the same principles as in the present constitution of New York."

For a fuller exposition of this problem and suggestions for a remedy, I beg to refer you to Judge Dillon's work (5th ed., Vol. I, Chap. V.), and to a valuable article by Mr. Harry Hubbard entitled, "Special Legislation for Municipalities," in the "Harvard Law Review," Vol. 18, p. 588.

If the proposed prohibition of special legislation is put in the constitution, it should be directory, and not mandatory.

Unlike many constitutions adopted in recent years, the constitution of North Carolina imposes no limitation upon the amount of indebtedness that may be incurred by the State or its political or municipal subdivisions. The power to create debts payable in the distant future is so liable to be abused, even where its exercise is dependent upon a popular vote, that I am inclined to think a constitutional limitation of this kind would prove to be beneficial. The greatest care should be taken in drafting it, in order that it may not be too broad in its scope or too indefinite in its terms. The meaning of the term "indebtedness" as used in such constitutional limitations has been the subject of many conflicting decisions.

The restrictions on taxation in the fifth article of the constitution and in Section 9 of Article VII, should be eliminated entirely. By these provisions the rates of poll and property taxes levied by the State and counties, at least for ordinary expenses, are limited and required to be in a certain proportion; the State and counties must levy a poll tax; county taxes must be levied in the same manner as State taxes; and all taxable property, both real and personal, must be taxed by a uniform rule and according to its value, whether the tax be for State, county, or municipal purposes. The meaning of some of these provisions is far from clear, although the Supreme Court is frequently called to pass upon them. For instance, what is a "special purpose" within the meaning of Section 6 of Article V, for which a county tax may exceed double the State tax, is a question that is troubling me at present in connection with several issues of county bonds. This elaborate and in some respects original and curious scheme of taxation, with its checks and counterchecks, was designed by the constitutional convention of 1868 to meet a condition of affairs that no longer exists. The opinions of the judges of the Supreme Court in the case of University R. R. v. Holden 63 N. C., 410, decided in 1869, explain the reasons which prompted its adoption. Mr. Justice Reade said:

"Until the new constitution, there was no restriction whatever upon the power of the Legislature to tax; and yet the taxes were never burdensome. There was supposed to be a sufficient check in the accountability of the representative to his constituents. The restriction in our new constitution is deemed a wise one—induced, probably, by the new order of things, and intended to protect the non-property holder from an oppressive poll tax, and the property holder from an unequal property tax, for the ordinary purposes of the government."

Mr. Justice Rodman said:

"The constitution admitted to the suffrage a class of persons who had never been entitled to it before, equal in numbers to about one-half of the former voting population, and this class was at that time almost universally destitute of property. It was foreseen as at least possible in the somewhat unnatural condition of things then existing that whichever of these two powers should obtain a majority in the Legislature might attempt to put on the other an undue portion of the public burdens through taxation; to prevent the confiscation of property by numbers, a proportion was established; to prevent the oppression of numbers by property, the poll tax was limited."

He added:

"That no constitutional restrictions however skilfully drawn, can ever form an effectual barrier to the effects of legislative folly or venality; that if legislators necessarily are entrusted with great powers over the estates of their constituents, the possession of such power should lead to an increased care in selecting them."

Under normal conditions such as exist today in North Carolina and will doubtless continue, the responsibility of the legislator to his constituents is an adequate safeguard against unjust and oppressive taxation. The forms and theories of taxation and our ideals of justice in taxation vary with economic and social conditions, and it is impossible to foresee the needs of the future and to devise a system of taxation that will be adapted to future conditions. The embarrassments and injustice that are inevitably the outcome of constitutional restrictions as to the rate, form or method of taxation outweigh all considerations as to the protection they may give.

The defects of the present system have recently been described in detail by Attorney General Bickett and others. For a remedy the Constitutional Commission has recommended that Article V of the constitution and Section 9 of Article VII be stricken out, and that a new set of restrictions and grants of power be inserted in lieu of Article V. I have no doubt that the Legislature ought to have the powers mentioned in the new article. Whether it would have them without express grant, upon the abrogation of the provisions proposed to be abrogated, is a question that need not be discussed here. For reasons already stated, I think the wisdom of the proposed new restrictions is doubtful. I should add, however, that the first section of the new article is unnecessary because the principle that taxes can be laid only for public purposes, though not expressly stated in the constitution, is recognized by the courts and the principle that the people ought not to be taxed "without the consent of themselves, or their representatives in General Assembly," is stated in Article I, Section 23.

If there is to be a constitutional tax limit, it should not apply to debts of the State or its political or municipal subdivisions, whether heretofore or hereafter incurred. The power to incur a debt should always carry with it the power to levy sufficient taxes to pay it. If it does not, purchasers of State and municipal bonds will frequently be misled. A limitation on the amount of public indebtedness such as I have suggested above would be a sufficient safeguard against burdensome taxes levied to pay debts.

Very truly yours,
W. HENRY HOYT.

Florida buttonwood, a tree confined largely to the keys along the south coast, is very highly prized for use in cooking on ship's galleys. It burns slowly with an even heat and makes but little smoke or ashes.

And now Mr. Carnegie states that tales of impending disaster are all "tommy rot;" so that other yarn about his having only a paltry $50,000,000 left is evidently a fake.

With young Mr. Taft taking to law and young Mr. Bryan announcing that he'll keep out of politics, the law of heredity hardly knows whether it's a-comin' or a-goin'.

Thirty different wood preservatives are in commercial use in the United States; many of them utilize creosote of one sort or another; others require chemical salts.

Last year the forest service distributed 116,000 basket willow cuttings; 15,000 to forest schools; 20,000 to agricultural experiment stations, and 81,000 to individuals.

The gathering and selling of acorns is a new industry in Arkansas, to supply Eastern nursery firms with material for forest planting.

Nice warm shoes for poor children are all very well, but there'll still be a queer little vacant spot in the heart that nothing but a useless present can fill.

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News and Views of Other Nations

GREAT BRITAIN.

London, Dec. 20.—The widespread advertisement of the Pure Food and Health Society of Great Britain for a hotel or restaurant to provide the members of the society with a Christmas dinner which would stand the adulteration probes of the expert chemists of the society, has not produced a single offer. The society is now seeking a home in which to hold the dinner, but no member has yet been found who will risk the loss of an insulted cook.

The society named three conditions: That the dinner shall not be too costly; that it shall not be a fad fruitarian or vegetarman affair; and that the society shall be allowed to conduct analyses with the help of two analytical chemists during the progress of the meal.

Alfred E. Moore, secretary of the society, believes it is utterly impossible for an unadulterated meal of the scope of a Christmas dinner to be given in London. Moreover, he issues a challenge for any one to provide a day's food for an ordinary workingman's family without three cases of food adulteration. If the list includes coffee, tea or cocoa; bread, butter, sausage, bacon, milk, beef, vegetables, biscuits, jam, honey and cheese there will be more than three cases of adulteration," he declares. He asserts further that it is utterly impossible to get unadulterated milk in London. It may be only a drop of annato to the pint, but this is added to give a rich creamy look to separated milk. Other adulterations mentioned by Mr. Moore are plaster of paris in some kinds of flour, salicylic acid in jams, rice that is faced with unerrable mineral matter, and boric acid in milk, cream and canned goods.

The society has issued its clarion call, "Why Should People Go on Allowing Themselves to be Poisoned?" Nevertheless, the people are apparently going ahead joyously preparing to feast according to their means on Christmas day, without a thought of the adulterations passing their lips.

For the first time during her 40-odd years' residence in England, the ex-Empress Eugenie, widow of Napoleon III, recently attended a church service in London, the occasion being the funeral of her life-long friend, Madame de Arcos.

The aged ex-Empress lives so much to herself now, her only intimates being the little royal colony at her residence at Farnborough, that her presence in the Jesuit church at Farm street passed almost unnoticed. She appeared to be in splendid health, and her activity, remarkable for a woman in her 88th year, put to rest the reports of her failing strength. At the conclusion of the service she received an ovation from her many friends, which brought the old time smile to her face.

Madame de Arcos was one of the friends who came from France with the ex-Empress at the time of her exile and during the intervening years they have been the closest of friends. Her death was a great shock to Eugenie, and it was feared that it might have ill effects.

From the way in which the cost of the various services and the general administration is piling up, it is now believed that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have to provide for an expenditure of a billion dollars in the estimates for the next fiscal year.

This sum is about double what the estimates amounted to in 1905 when the Liberal party, which generally stands for economy, came into power. In only one department has there been a saving and that is in connection with the army, the cost of which was about $5,000 000 less last year than it was eight years ago. The navy last year cost $15,000,000 more than it did in 1905, and if present forecasts are to be relied upon the estimates for this branch of the service, including the ordinary and supplementary estimates, will show next year an increase of another $25,000,000.

It is in the civil service and revenue departments, however, that the increase has been greatest, largely due to old age pensions, industrial insurance and labor exchanges. The exchequer issues for these purposes have gone up from $230,000,000 in 1905 to nearly $400,000,000 in 1913, and they will be even greater next year.

All of this has caused a great outcry from the economists in the country, but as most of those making up this group favor social reform, their fire has been aimed almost solely at the naval estimates. On the other hand, most of those who advocated a supreme navy are against social reforms, so that the government is attacked from both sides.

It is feared that the $20 000 000 spent by the Admiralty on the improvements of Dover harbor has been wasted. There is today a rushing tide rip across the harbor entrance which makes it next to impossible to enter at certain stages of the tide; on all occasions naval navigators are wary about bringing their ships in, and shipmasters avoid the harbor whenever they possibly can. The eddies are intricate and uncertain, and it is impossible to predict the currents.

GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The most effective method of exterminating mosquitoes, says Dr. Gebbing, director of the Leipzig Zoological Garden, is to keep wild ducks on the ponds where they breed. These birds feed eagerly upon all insect life in the larvae state, and where there are plenty of ducks very few of the larvae reach the glories of mosquitohood, even in the most stagnant pools.

Dr. Gebbing gives numerous cases to substantiate this claim. Count von Williamowitz und Moellendorff, chairman of the German Society for the Protection of Bird Life, says that his estates were infested with mosquitoes till, some years ago, he stocked his ponds with thousands of wild ducks. Dr. Heinroth, one of the keepers of the Berlin Zoological garden, a specialist on the habits of ducks, points out that there has been a great diminution of the mosquito pest in the park, since wild duck were introduced some years ago on its lakes and stagnant water courses. Dr. Gebbing has had equal success with his own experiments at Leipsic.

The sale of the Vossische Zeitung, the oldest newspaper in Berlin, known affectionately to German readers as "Auntie Voss", to the Ullstein syndicate, calls attention to the development of newspaper trusts in Germany, which in Berlin, for example, have gathered most of the live and paying publications into three big groups.

The Ullstein company, or rather family, is one of the most vigorous of these. It now publishes five dailies in Berlin, including the Vossische, the Morganpost, and the Zeitung-am-Mittag (or Noon Gazette), and eight weekly and other publications, covering such fields as sport, fashions and the illustrated weekly for family circulation. The Lokal Anzeiger, owned by the August Scherl Company, forms the nucleus of another group of papers, consisting of three dailies in Berlin, one in Hamburg and about ten weekly and other publications. Dudolph Mosse, owner of the Berlin Tageblatt, has two other dailies and several weekly publications. The three firms are united in a community of interest by a joint contract, pledging them to assist each other in case of strikes, etc., and to start no new rival papers.

In addition, the owner of the Tageblatt is, or was, the second largest stockholder in the August Scherl Company. It is reported, however, that the entire Scherl property has been acquired by a group of Conservative capitalists, who propose to use its publications for vigorous propaganda in the interest of the Conservative party.

The Ullsteins, it is understood, will continue the Vossische Zeitung along the lines that have always given it its distinctive character, but they hope to develop it as a business undertaking. This venerable journal—it is 204 years old—has had to make a hard struggle against the more modern type of newspapers that have lately become popular at Berlin. For more than a century the property of the Lessing family, it passed two years ago into the hands of a syndicate of bankers who paid for it, according to newspaper reports, $2,140,000. The syndicate now sells it at a price variously reported to be between $1,000,000 and $1,700,000. The loss, therefore, to the bankers has been considerable.

For the second year in succession the German vineyards have been hard hit. This year's crop, just harvested, gave nowhere more than half the usual quantity of grapes, and in a majority of districts only one-twentieth of the normal yield. In some sections, notably in Wurtemberg and Baden, there was no crop at all.

Nor does the quality of this year's wine compensate for the bad harvest. On the contrary, it is very poor, except in the so-called Rheingau, embracing such well known places as Assmanshausen, Johannisberg, Rudesheim, Erbach and Bingen. There, although only one-twentieth of a crop was harvested, the wine is of average quality. Vineyardists along the river Saar harvested about a half crop, which is producing wine only slightly below middle quality. But as a general thing the wine is inferior and very acid.

The poor harvest is the result of an unusually unfavorable Spring and Summer. The latter part of May brought frosts, which did considerable damage. In July and August, the most important months for the development of grapes, there were frequent cold rains, which not only prevented development of the fruit, but brought various grape diseases. A warm September prevented what would otherwise have been an utter failure of the crop in all districts.

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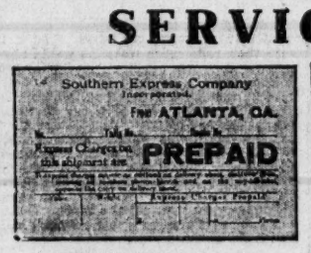

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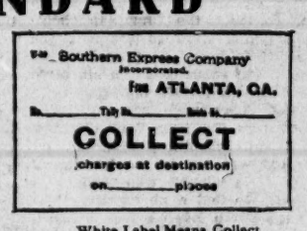

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THE WEEK'S NEWS REVIEWED IN BRIEF

Glimpses of the World at Large, Little News Stories of the Carolinas, and a Resume of Local Doings, Prepared for the Busy Man and the Week-End Reader.

Of General Interest

Colonel Roosevelt and party arrived at Corumba, Brazil, Wednesday.

The State pensions for Confederate veterans were distributed the past week.

Thirty-eight persons lost their lives in a coal mine at New Castle, Colo., Tuesday.

Appropriations totalling $1,720,012 were made in a war claims bill passed by the House.

Victory for the administration forces marked the first test of strength on the currency bill.

The entire property of three of Mexico's wealthiest men was confiscated by Gen. Villa.

Senator Simmons has recommended L. G. Daniels for postmaster at Newbern to succeed Basnight.

Four mercantile establishments in Lynchburg, Va., were wrecked by fire Tuesday, causing a loss of $264,000.

Consul Letcher has advised the State Department that many reports of maltreatment of Americans in Chihuahua,

The newest manufacturing enterprise for Greenville, S. C., is an automobile factory to turn out 2,000 cars a year.

Officers of the order of Caraboe apologized Tuesday to the administration for the satire of its Philippine policy.

The final crop report showed the past year to be the biggest crop year in the country's history—in point of market value.

Staunton, Va., again has voted dry in a special election, after being wet for several years following two years of prohibition.

The new Clyde Line pier at Charleston was destroyed by fire Monday. The property loss is several hundred thousand dollars.

President Wilson has practically decided to re-appoint Judson C. Clements as a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

The Republican National Committee has approved a plan to cut southern representation in National conventions of the party nearly half.

Samuel Gompers told the House Judiciary committee that the abnormal number of unemployed men was due to transition and not depresion.

The board of directors of the Cincinnati baseball club have refused to ratify the sale of Joe Tinker made to Brooklyn by the president of the club.

A negro burglar was found in the residence of Dr. A. B. Croom at Maxton soon after midnight last Sunday night. Ed Jones was arrested for the crime.

Steamship men protested before the House committee in charge of the sear on's bill that it would be a physical impossibility to comply with the provisions of the measure.

President Wilson ordered an investigation by the War and Navy departments on the satires on the administration's Philippine policy at the banquet of the Order of Caraboe.

The property of the Fayetteville Traction & Power Co., was sold at auction Monday. It was bid in by Col. H. T. Detchert, of Philadelphia, representing the bondholders, at $70,000.

Congressman Lewis' plan for a government-owned telephone and telegraph service contemplates the purchase of the Bell and all the independent telephone lines.

Governor Cole Blease pronounces the commission form of government a farce and says that he hopes the recall will be invoked in every city in South Carolina where that form is in force.

Col. James Reid Muldrow, aged 73, a prominent planter of Sumter county, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning. He was a distinguished Confederate soldier in the War Between the States.

A movement will be launched by Newbern "fans" to re-organize the old East Carolina baseball League, composed of Newbern, Wilmington, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, Kinston and Greenville.

Senator Elihu Root declared in the Senate he would not accept the Republican nomination for President if it were offered him, thereby puncturing a boom that had been started by Senator Gallinger.

Congressman John M. Faison, ex-Congressman Charles R. Thomas and George E. Hood will be candidates for nomination to represent the Third district in Congress. Larry Moore also may be a candidate.

The battleships which have been cruising in European waters returned home the past week. Except for an accident on the Vermont, the trip was made in perfect order. The fleet weathered a five-day gale on the return at an average speed of 15 knots an hour.

Thousands of people witnessed the turning on of Durham's immense electric slogan sign Monday night, when the city was in gala attire and several speeches were made. The sign, 40x60 feet, on top of a tall building, reads, "Durham, Renowned the World Around."

The Senate has passed a joint resolution already adopted by the House expressing the regret of Congress at the death of Lieut. Col. David Du B. Gaillard, Isthmian canal commissioner, and appropriating $14,000, the annual salary of a commissioner, for Mrs. Gaillard.

If a recommendation made by the House committee on postoffices and post roads is adopted by Congress, every rural carrier in the United States will receive an increase in pay approximating $50 per year. The ac- taken by a unanimous vote committee and probably will law.

Brief News Stories of The Carolinas

Horner's Military School will be moved to Charlotte.

The new North Carolina child labor law goes into effect January 1st.

It is announced that Assistant Postmaster T. D. Hewitt, of Newbern, has been asked by the department to resign.

Following an investigation, the Department of Justice has announced that it found no peanut trust in Eastern North Carolina.

Governor Craig has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been under treatment for rheumatism. He says he is greatly improved.

Rev. H. A. Brown has been pastor of the First Baptist church at Winston for 36 years, having gone to the Twin City in 1877 from Fayetteville.

Mr. W. C. Munroe, one of the most prominent lawyers of Goldsboro, died at his home there Monday morning. He was dean of the Goldsboro bar.

A young man has been indicted in the municipal court of Greensboro on the charge of stealing a stone wall away from a graveyard and selling it.

The Palmetto National Bank of Columbia opened for business Monday in its quarters on the first and mezzanine floors of its new skyscraper building.

The Catawba creamery shipped a solid car load of eggs from Hickory to New York Tuesday. The creamery is shipping about two car loads weekly, to various points.

Francis L. Parker, M. D., LL. D., is dead in Charleston, at the age of 77 years. He had for some time been in feeble health. He was one of Charleston's leading physicians and surgeons for years.

A great deal of holly and other evergreens are being shipped from Brunswick county to the North and West for decorative purposes. Eighteen car loads of holly have been shipped from Bolivia alone.

Jim McClure, the negro who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Bain of Guilford county, last August, was found guilty of murder in the first degree and was sentenced to die by electrocution January 30th, 1914.

Solicitor John C. Bowers, of Lexington, thinks that H. B. Varner will run for Congress against Representative Page, and would not be surprised if W. C. Hammer enters the race also, if he is defeated for district attorney.

The boom started to secure for Gen. Julian S. Carr the nomination for governor is assuming considerable proportions. Among his supporters are Chief Justice Walter Clark, Congressman Stedman and State Representative Brawley, of Durham.

Seventeen in family—father, mother, 11 girls and four boys—live near Stone Mountain—all living—father 61 and the mother 56 years old—the eldest child 39, the youngest 10. All except the two youngest children are members of the Methodist church.

Rapid progress is being made toward the completion of the Interurban line between Greer and Spartanburg, S. C., and from present indications, it is thought that the estimate of trains running into Spartanburg by February 15th will be fulfilled.

A negro woman shot and killed a 12-year-old white boy near Madison Tuesday because he refused to remove his play wagon from the railroad track after she had ordered him to do so. She was rushed to Stoneville to avert a probable lynching.

Cumberland county commissioners, the Fayetteville chamber of commerce and representatives of the townships of the county, jointly, have at last decided upon an expert road builder for the county—a thing for which The Index began agitating four years ago.

It is thought by some that State Senator W. B. Council will enter the race for the nomination for Congress in the Ninth Congressional district against Mr. Webb. Judge Council has made no announcement, but it is believed he is seriously considering the matter.

Rev. T. W. Hayes, a minister of the A. R. P. church, son of the late William R. Hayes, of Leslie, S. C., died Friday, December 12th, at Roswell, N. M., after a long illness. He leaves a widow and three children. He married Miss Estelle Pope, of Huntersville, N. C.

A State life insurance fund and the passage of the bill introduced in the lower House last year by Representative W. C. Irby, of Laurens, providing for the establishment of such a fund, are urged by Insurance Commissioner F. H. McMaster in his annual report to the General Assembly of South Carolina.

No further steps will be taken in the trial of Tom Harrison, W. J. Goodlett, et al., at Greenville, S. C., for alleged selling of whiskey, until the case now pending against C. L. Wood, in Magistrate Ballinger's court, alleging larceny and slander, is brought to a conclusion.

John Lyles Glenn, Jr., of Chester, was awarded appointment from South Carolina to a Cecil Rhodes scholarship in Oxford University, his three-year course to commence October 14 next. Mr. Glenn is master of history and Greek in the Wofford College Fitting School.

The Buncombe Bar Association has named December 29th as the date for holding their annual banquet and the event this year promises to be one of unusual interest. Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan and Senator Luke Lea, both of whom will spend the Christmas holidays at Asheville, will be invited to speak.

If the city of Greenville, S. C., will install a fire alarm system and some other, and minor improvements with respect to fire fighting, a reduction of 10 cents in the insurance rates on all mercantile risks of the city of Greenville will be made by the Southeastern Underwriters' Association. This is, essentially, the gist of a proposition made to the city of Greenville by the Underwriters' Association, as a result of recent correspondence.

Petitions have been circulated and largely signed at Sanford, Broadway and Lillington asking the Department at Washington to establish mail service over the Atlantic & Western Railway between Sanford and Lillington. The Atlantic & Western recently put on a schedule giving double-daily passenger service over its line.

Eight barrels of bottled beer were ordered by Justice W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, to be poured into the sewer. The beer was seized in the possession of R. C. Bachelor, who was let off with payment of costs and loss of the beer, which he claimed he bought for "near beer," though it was found to contain over 3 1-2 per cent alcohol.

John G. Anderson, of Rock Hill, father of the "Rock Hill Plan" for keeping down the acreage of cotton planted throughout the South two years ago, fears that with the high price of cotton this year there will be a tendency to plant too much cotton again next year. He thinks some plan ought to be adopted to keep down the acreage.

Following a conference with Congressman Godwin in Washington, Joseph B. Underwood, of Fayetteville, announced that he would not be a candidate for Congress from the Sixth district but that he would support the present congressman, who, he says, he thinks can not be beaten. In 1910 Underwood led the fight in Cumberland against Godwin.

A case of smallpox was discovered in one of the pupils of the Florence graded schools, and a meeting of the board of commissioners was immediately held and after consultation with the president of the local board of health, it was ordered that the school be closed until January 5th, and in the meantime all pupils of the schools, white and negroes, be vaccinated.

First in this State to put into effect suggestions offered by the North Carolina members of the special commission which last summer visited Europe to inspect rural credit systems there, Catawba county has practically completed the organization of a rural credit association modeled after the building and loan plan, along the lines submitted by the commission.

At a meeting of the building committee of the First Baptist church of Greenville, S. C., recommendations were made for undertaking the erection of a Sunday school room at the present time and not to undertake the repairing of the church building—for the present at least. It is estimated that the Sunday school building alone will cost in the neighborhood of $33,000.

General Counsel Thom, of the Southern Railway, made the opening argument in the Interstate Commerce Commission's hearing of the petitions of the Virginia cities against the proposed reductions in interstate freight rates to North Carolina from the West. The hearing began at Greensboro Tuesday. Mr. Thom argued for North Carolina, against the petitioners.

James L. Carbery, agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, co-operating with Winthrop College in the matter of mill village improvement, assisted by the operatives of the Arcade, Victoria and Harris Mills of Rock Hill, is rapidly perfecting a systematized organization for the development of general good in the industrial communities of South Carolina.

The South Carolina State Board of Education is called to meet in the Governor's office on Monday, December 22nd, at noon. The board will pass on the resignation of George L. Pitts, as superintendent of education for Laurens county, and W. R. Bradley, as superintendent of education for Abbeville county. The board will also pass on the matter of certain apportionments of school funds.

Four bottles of wine at least 226 years old have been found by workmen in demolishing an old house on a hill near Naumburg. During their work the laborers unearthed a stone bearing the date May 21st, 1688. The stone covered a cavity chiseled in solid rock in which were the rust-eaten remains of an iron chest. The chest contained coins of the years 1683 to 1688; a picture of John George III of Saxony; remnants of documents, and four bottles of white wine, sealed with ead.

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The Week Locally

At a meeting held at the armory on Market street Tuesday night for the purpose, Mr. E. P. Bailey was elected captain to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Capt. E. A. Metts.

The announcement has been made that the headquarters of Freight Traffic Manager James Menzies, of the Atlantic Coast Line, now located in Savannah, Ga., are to be moved to Wilmington.

The Shepard Chemical Company, Inc., of this city, is preparing to erect on its property in East Wilmington, a fireproof, reinforced concrete factory building, 60x125 feet in size, to cost from $7,500 to $10,000.

Fire burned to the ground Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock a residence at Carolina Beach ,known as the old club house and owned by Mr. H. H. Kure, Jr., of this city, the loss being between $6,000 and $7,000, partly covered by insurance.

A compromise was effected Tuesday between the Tidewater Power Company and Mr. Edward Schulken, administrator of Miss Ethel Bostick, by which the latter agreed in consideration, it is understood, of the payment of $4,500 by the former, to cancel the suit pending in Superior Court in which damages to the amount of $100,000 was asked.

Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, submitted to Council at its weekly meeting a statement covering the city finances for the first six months of the fiscal year, from June 1st to December 1st, inclusive, which shows that out of the total appropriation of $275,668, the sum of $153,530 has been audited, with $132,401.55 remaining unexpended. There is an overdraft to date of $10,264.50.

While nothing definite has been received within the last ten days from Capt. M. L. Gilbert or Mr. H. F. Morse with regard to the Southern Steamship Company, which was recently organized here for the purpose of operating a line of steamers between Wilmington and Northern ports, it is understood that one of the vessels will be put on within a short time.

Following the annual custom of many years past the local branch of the Salvation Army will distribute 100 or more baskets of provisions to needy families in the city on Christmas day. For the first time since the establishment of the post in Wilmington a Christmas dinner for 200 people will be served at 4 o'clock on Christmas day, which will be followed by a Christmas tree and entertainment for the children.

That Wilmington stands an excellent chance to secure the government lighthouse depot for the Sixth district is the report of the committee composed of Col. John VanB. Metts and Messrs. H. Lacy Hunt and E. P. Bailey, who returned from Washington Tuesday morning. They appeared before Assistant Secretary Sweet, of the Department of Commerce, Monday and presented Wilmington's Claims.

That the Baltimore & Carolina Steamship Company will put on a steamer between Wilmington and Baltimore, if they are assured of sufficient wharf facilities and the proper co-operation was one of the interesting items of news brought before the Commercial Club at its meeting Monday night by Mr. John R. Turrentine, Jr. The matter was referred by President Chas. N. Evans to the transportation committee of the club for their immediate attention.

To furnish the city with lights at a rate exactly 10 per cent. lower than either Charlotte or Raleigh has to pay and to erect ornamental poles in the entire business district, for a term of years, was the offer made Wednesday by Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the Tidewater Power Company, to the City Council after that body had definitely decided to abandon the proposal of Councilman Wood to have the J. B. McCrary Company, of Atlanta, Ga., collect data, with reference to the advisability of the city of Wilmington building its own lighting plant. This proposition was acceptable to the members of the Council and Mr. MacRae was requested to put it in writing for future and definite action.

Owing to his prolonged absence from New York the colonel naturally went on a jaguar hunt as the next best thing.

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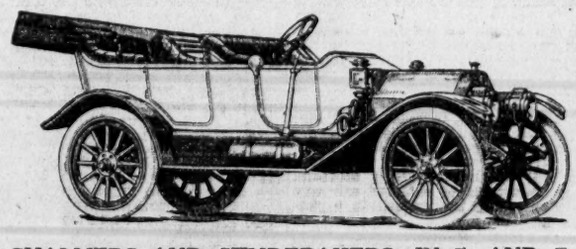

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IN THE SPORTLIGHT

News and Reviews of the Week in the World of Sports.

Here's a live tip for some local enthusiast who has the necessary coin, and wishes to take a gamble on making some more. All indications suggest that now is the psychiological time for resurrecting the old Eastern Carolina Baseball League. The training of the "Phillies" here the coming Spring will certainly create more baseball excitement than the old city has seen in many days. After seeing a dozen or more good games during the training season, the fans hereabouts will be prone to bewail the dismal outlook for a baseballness Summer, and would undoubtedly greet the news of baseball for Wilmington as a crowning glory.

The modern grounds to be constructed at Sunset Park for the "Phillies'" training season, will be right on the job without costing a penny, as they will be built with the money of the fans of the city. The full support of the owners of Sunset Park can be confidently counted on, as outside of these gentlemen being some of the livest business men of the city, who realize the value of league baseball as a city developer, they would no doubt realize a big boost from the grounds being located on their property.

As for the personnel of the league, we can name six cities, out of which there are four in which there is not a shadow of doubt, and the margin of doubt in the remaining two is very small. Wilmington, Rocky Mount, Newbern and Goldsboro, may be counted on. Greenville and Kinston have not been heard from but are live towns. These cities are grouped together advantageously, and traveling expenses would be a minimum.

The time seems opportune for some one. Who will start it? This column will be open next Sunday for any comments along this line.

Nearly every time a man prominent in organized ball is deposed from a good position, the fans have come to dope it out that another job of greater importance is in store for him. Take the case of Robinson, of the Giants. When McGraw announced that he would no longer wear a Gotham uniform, the fans were set to thinking that the scrappy leader must have something in store for Robinson. Their curiosity hardly had time to get into good working order when it was announced that the veteran would succeed Bill Dahlen, of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

In Chicago, the loquacious Murphy pulled almost the same stunt, when the Peerless Frank Chance was cut adrift only to fall into a much more lucrative berth with the New York Highlanders. The Clarke Griffith affair at Cincinnati was also of the same cut-and-dried variety.

There was one instance where the guessers fell down. When Joe O'Brien was lifted from the executive chair of the American Association to become secretary of the New York Giants, the fans were not certain where the interests were going to drop him next. After serving the Giants a short time Jiseph was cut out and again the fans imagined he was sure of a post at the head of some big league. On the contrary, O'Brien fooled the bunch by dropping out of baseball, and at present there is no telling when or where he will return.

John Heydler, secretary of the National League, is advocating a good and just thing when he suggests a column in the box scores that will record errors of judgment as well as those of hand and foot. That is, his suggestion is a good one if he can devise some way for scorers to be certain whether or not a "bone" has been pulled. If "bonehead plays" by players are to be recorded, why not keep a record also of "bonehead plays" by scorers? There probably are at least as many of these as there are of the sort made by players. The only record of scorers' boneheads is a list of official scorers who have been fired.

Bob Bescher, the new Giant, is claiming the hunting championship of baseball. The biggest one he has told about his prowess this Winter places the number of rabbits for one day's shooting at 66. If that is true, Bob ought not to be proud to tell it and then admit in the same breath that he wastes his time playing baseball. Let's see. There are 365 days in the year. Sixty-six times 365 equals 23,090. Anyway, you have to hand it to him for having nerve.

Did you know that there are more golfers than baseball players in this country? Neither did we, but a statistician tells us so, claiming there are over 2,000,000 of them, whereas, according to the same authority, there are only about 1,600,000 baseball players. Maybe so, with the accent on the "maybe."

As the year runs out, the college champions of the East in different lines, may be pretty nearly summarized. Harvard claims four championships. Football, hockey, tennis and soccer football; Yale has four, baseball, swimming, golf and shooting; Cornell has three, cross-country, basketball and wrestling; Penn has track and gymnastics championships; Columbia has fencing and chess supremacy, and Princeton and Syracuse claim water polo and rowing championships, respectively. An odd fact is that Dartmouth, which was strong in nearly every line, did not land on top in a single line.

Certain disputants have pointed to football scores of the past season as the largest ever made. To answer these, a few old-time scores may be mentioned: In 1880 Princeton beat LaFayette 140 to 0. In 1886 Yale beat Wesleyan 106 to 0. In 1884 Yale beat Dartmouth 113 to 0. In 1887 Yale beat Wesleyan 106 to 0. In 1888 Harvard beat Amherst 102 to 0. In 1902 Minnesota beat Grinnell 102 to 0. In 1903 Chicago beat Minnesota 108 to 0. In 1902 Michigan beat Iowa 107 to 0. In 1890 Princeton beat Virginia 115 to 0. These nine scores taken at random from the record books, show a total of 1,123 points for winners to nothing for the losers, or an average score of 124.73 to 0 per game.

Two important heavyweight bouts will feature the boxing card of the next two weeks, one in the East and the other on the Pacific coast. Jess Willard, the Texas cowpuncher, who put up such a sorry exhibition against Carl Morris, and more recently knocked out "One Round" Davis in two rounds, will clash with George Rodel, the Boer, a week from Monday night in New Haven. The other white hope scrap is the Gunboat Smith-Arthur Pelky affair in San Francisco New Year's Day.

PARAGRAPHS ON WORLD'S

(Continued from Page Nine.)

Horse Breeders' association. $45,000 has been raised by the different breed associations of the United States. Among those who have entered horses for the trotting races is Prince Ypsilanti of Austria, who is one of the foremost horsemen of Europe. Some splendid cattle exhibits are assured from Europe and sheep exhibits from New Zealand.

Tall cypresses, planted by the landscape engineering department of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, are now growing in various parts of the exposition grounds giving a warm look of shrubbery and woods where once were sand dunes and city lots with scattering humble homes.

The fertile soil brought to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition grounds from the interior valleys of California, which has been placed over the barren sand and gravel, is so rich that large quantities of mushrooms have sprung up and are eagerly picked by employes and visitors whenever found. The grass sown on this surface soil springs up quickly and grows luxuriantly.

Hundreds of thousands of rare plants, trees and shrubs are being imported from many parts of the world to adorn the grounds of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. In the huge courts and gardens will be set 800 tree ferns, from 20 to 40 feet high and brought from New Zealand, banana plants from Central America, rhododendrons from West Virginia and England, cypress, orange and lemon trees will be among other decorative plants. Eight hundred thousand bulbs have been imported from Holland. Vast fields of flowers in bloom will be set in the exposition south garden. Flowers whose blossoming season is past will be replaced by others. In the spring the predominating flower will be the violet, the tulip, the pansy and the columbine, in summer, in harmony with the stronger sunlight, the scheme will include the bolder colors, such as those offered by the geranium, the red rose and the morning glory. In the Autumn the carnation will be the prevailing blossom. Many thousands of cuttings are now being raised in the exposition greenhouses.

Twenty-nine transcontinental railroads have agreed to a reduction that amounts to approximately fifty per cent of the regular schedule on all freight consigned to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. Materials will be charged at regular rates for the haul to the exposition, but will be returned to the place of original consignment free of charge, provided there has been no change of ownership in the property so shipped. Exhibit space is free.

Twenty-nine nations have accepted the invitation of the Department of State to participate in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. Exhibits from all parts of the world will be shown. The displays of South America will far excel any ever shown outside of that continent; Brazil has appropriated $500,000 for its official display which will be augmented by individual exhibits.

More than one hundred and eighty great congresses and conventions will meet in San Francisco in 1915, the Exposition year.

George Hough Perry, Director of the Division of Exploitation of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, was the first editor of Everybody's Magazine. This division includes the departments of participation, promotion, publicity, publications, photographs, printing, lectures, information, public service, state organizations and Exposition travel.

HOME HEALTH CLUB

By Dr. David H. Reeder, Chicago, Illinois.

Grade Crossings—More than a score of years ago I began teaching you through the Home Health Club "how to get well, how to keep well and how to keep young." From your letters I know somewhat of the vast amount of suffering that has been overcome and many of the helpless put into the helpful class.

Many neighborhoods, villages, towns and even cities have felt the influence of the Home Health Club for good and have been made cleaner, safer and more healthful places in which to live.

As I have before stated, the small village is frequently a more dangerous place, from the health standpoint, in which to live, than in the large city. One of the most dangerous, disease and death-spreading agencies that is to be found anywhere is the common privy with the open vault, or pit. Every reader of the Home Health Club should from now on become an avowed enemy of the old-fashioned privy and also of one other agent of death, violent death at that, the grade crossing.

I know one railroad crossing that is called "Death Crossing." Many people pass over it daily, many have been killed. I personally have had two narrow escapes at "Death Crossing." Once by snatching the lines from the driver's hands and throwing the horse back upon his haunches, the fast express just missed the horse's head. Another time the watchman motioned for me to proceed, although I preferred to wait longer and be sure. I passed safely over with my family in the automobile, but a farmer who started at the same time, but could not go so quickly with his horse, was ground into small pieces by a train which even the watchman did not see coming.

A few weeks ago I drove with a friend to a nearby farmhouse and as soon as we stopped the farmer's wife ran out and told me that someone had just been killed at the grade crossing only a short distance from the house. I hurried to the spot and as I drove up I saw a man reeling toward me, covered with blood and dirt. I could not recognize him, but he cried out in agony. "Oh, Doctor Reeder, my wife is dead, Mrs. Schaffer is dead and her sister and Mrs. Brace are terribly injured." I ran to him and he fell into my arms. As soon as he partly recovered himself I left him with my friend and hurried to the injured women. I saw at once that I could do nothing for them. Both were fatally injured. The man was my neighbor and friend. His bride of a year I had known for 15 years, one of those noble women that is always doing something for somebody. The engine and 15 cars had passed over her frail little body and I had to crawl under the trucks to reach the largest part of it. I found a lap robe and after picking up dismembered parts I got others, who had arrived, to help me carry it about 100 feet back to the road.

I have been through several railroad wrecks and had all kinds of experiences in hospital work, but that was the most terrible experience that has ever come to me. The grade crossing did it. I made up my mind that one of the things I would work for in future would be the abolishment of the grade crossing. You can help.

Every reader of the Home Health Club has an influence and when the whole number of us unite to accomplish any good work, our combined influence becomes a power that is well night irresistible. Here is the way!

No matter who you are or where, write to your Congressman and ask him to introduce a bill to Congress compelling all railroads and urban street car lines to abolish grade crossings. Enough letters of that kind from the people will bring action and action along these lines will save lives and property. Do it and do it today.

Club Notes.

I will gladly answer all inquiries for information on health subjects from readers of this publication if same are addressed to Home Health Club, 5059 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago. Send full name and address with four cents postage.

Dear Doctor: Have been a reader of your writings and like your methods of treatment. Will you write me about hip joint disease, the symptoms, how long it takes to form, a cure, your idea of treatment, if these cases are incurable, when relapses occur again and again. The case is of ten or twelve years' standing with general health good, but relapse occurring about once a year or once every two years, gradually coming less and with less pain. What do you think of such a case?

Disease of the hip is often of a tubercular character or at least will so develop. It is most frequent among scrofulous persons, especially children. It may be the result of diseased conditions or of injury and it is surprising how slight a fall or other injury may produce serious results, in scrofulous children. Probably the trouble will be first recognized as stiffness of the joint. The large bone of the thigh being fastened to the hip bone, there will be a hollow in the small of the back whenever the limb is forcibly straightened. There may be fullness in the region of the joint, though as a rule the effected limb will greatly diminish in size. An abscess may form in the hip joint and pus discharge. Death is apt to follow from exhaustion or else permanent stiffness and recovery will be the result.

From this you will readily note that a great deal of attention must be given to the general strength which must be sustained by the most nourishing food. The method of treatment described in the book, Vol. 2 in the chapter on consumption, and its prevention, as far as the diet is concerned should be observed. Gelatine is most excellent along with broths and milk. A stimulating liniment as an outward application is advisable. Abscesses must be treated in accordance with their requirements. If the limb should be stiffened and crooked, it may be thoroughly relaxed by Lobelia fomentation and then straightened when splints manufactured especially for this purpose may be used to advantage. Such a difficulty requires the most skilful treatment, often of a surgical nature. Hygienic surroundings must be the very best.

In order to strengthen her general health and strength, one of the best preparations I know of is the Compound Gentian which I have often spoken of.

FROM THE SAND HILLS

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miles away. The power of this mighty river is instantly felt and appreciated. There is no mistaking the force of its eddying swirl. Soon the rice islands in the delta of the river divide the waters, and taking either channel one bowls along past plantation on these rice islands, which once upheld the wealth and chivalry of the Southland. The islands are now the Winter home for ducks that fly in from the sea at nightfall to rest on sheltered waters and to feed on wild rice growing there. With the abolition of slavery and the discovery later that rice could be grown successfully on the upland of Texas, these vast estates have fallen into disuse, and some of them have been abandoned by their once-proud owners. Only the magnitude of the estates and the beauty of the surroundings created about their colonial homes remain to point the story of the past.

Railroads and roads crossing the river at various points make journeys of varied lengths possible and predominating sunshine gives the air a rare, soft, quality even during the "six weeks of Winter." Bass, jack, blue bream and red robin afford sport for anglers. Briefly, here "Autumn days" may be lived once again by the wilderness lover on one of the most beautiful waterways in the country and in the least changed and oldest section of the Southland.

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MEET AFTER MANY YEARS.

Parted in Childhood, Each Sister Thought Other Was Dead.

Hutchinson (Kan.) Dispatch to New York Sun.)

For 28 years Mrs. Dan Hayes has lived near Coldwater in Comanche county, and for 40 years her sister, Mrs. Joe Jindrak, has resided in Pawnee county, less than 60 miles away.

And all of these years each sister supposed the other was dead. It was oonly a few days ago that they disonly a few days ago that they disand near together. They were in Hutchinson on their way to Coldwater. Mrs. Hayes had gone to see her sister, and they were returning together to the former's home.

They had not seen each other for 49 years. Mrs. Hayes is now 59 years of age, and her sister, 61. When they last parted they were girls of 10 and 12 years of age. They were born in Bohemia, and came to this country when children, with their father, locating first in a Bohemian colony in Iowa, since made famous as the setting for Dvorak's "New World" symphony.

Later, while they were still children, the father took a claim in Nebraska. He moved there, taking the older child, now Mrs. Jindrak. The younger daughter, now Mrs. Hayes, was left in Iowa to go on later with an uncle who was coming from the old country. But he failed to show up, the little girl became lost from her people, and as the family in Nebraska were 100 miles from a town and beyond communication, the child, too young to know what to do, fell into the hands of strangers.

The father lost all track of her and supposed she had died. Recently Mrs. Jindrak, now the wife of a Pawnee county farmer, wrote an article for a Bohemian paper, telling of her wanderings and those of the family. She mentioned the circumstances of the loss of her sister.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission gives North Carolina, the railroads and the Virginia cities until January 15th to file briefs in the matter of the reduction of inter-State rates from the West into this State agreed upon between the State and the railroads. The hearing at Greensboro adjourned Thursday.

Representative E. J. Justice, of Greensboro, recently appointed as a special attorney of the United States Department of Justice, is in California engaged in the prosecution of important suits brought by the government to recover valuable oil and mineral lands from the Southern Pacific and other railroad interests.

On the question of the new location of the lighthouse depot for the Sixth district, the Department of Commerce gave a hearing in Washington the past week, to citizens of Wilmington, and other Southern cities bidding for it.

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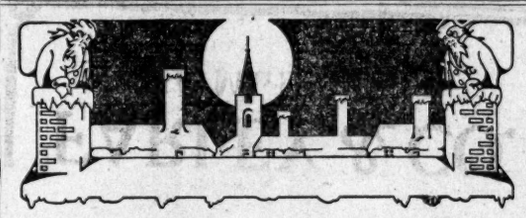

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